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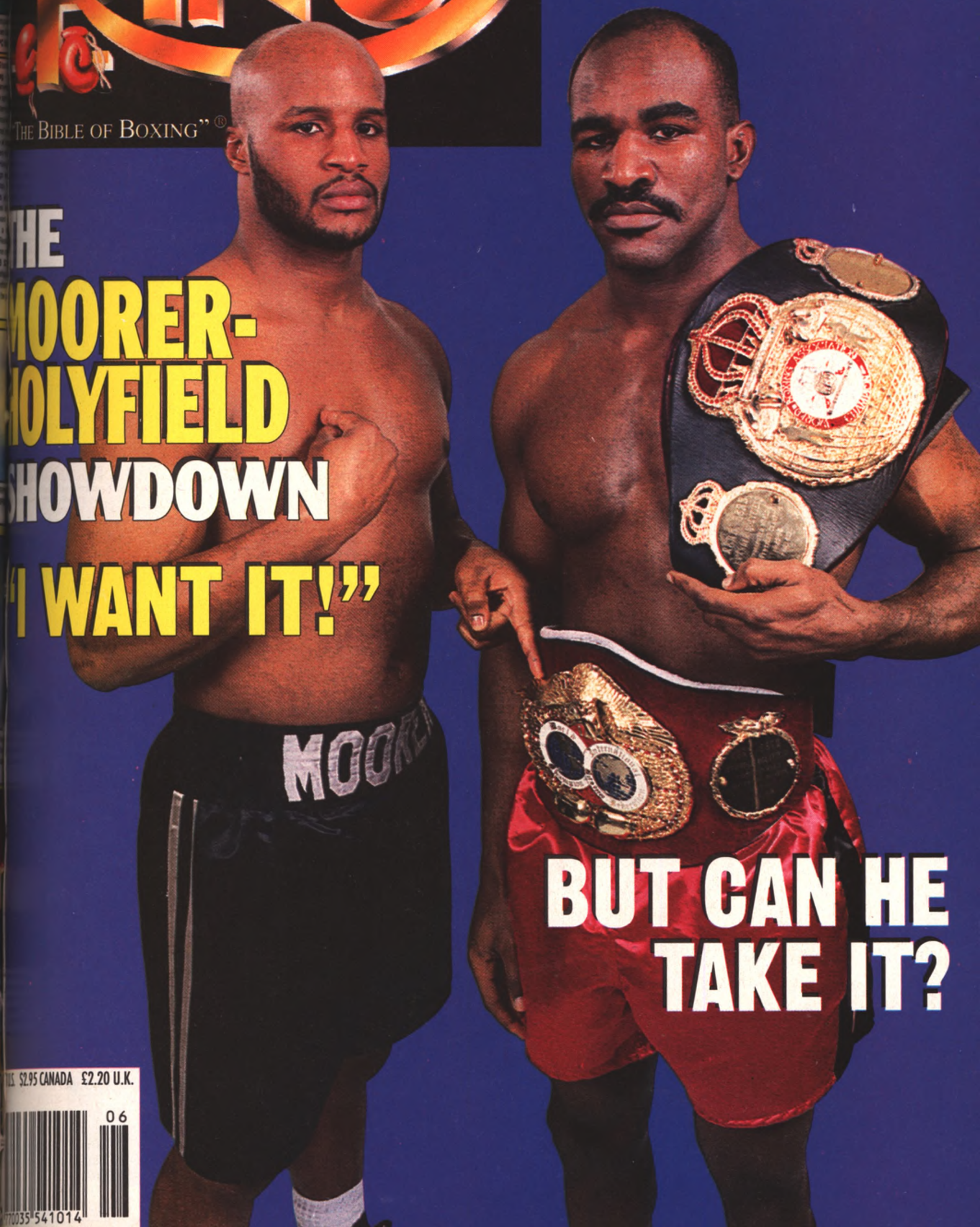

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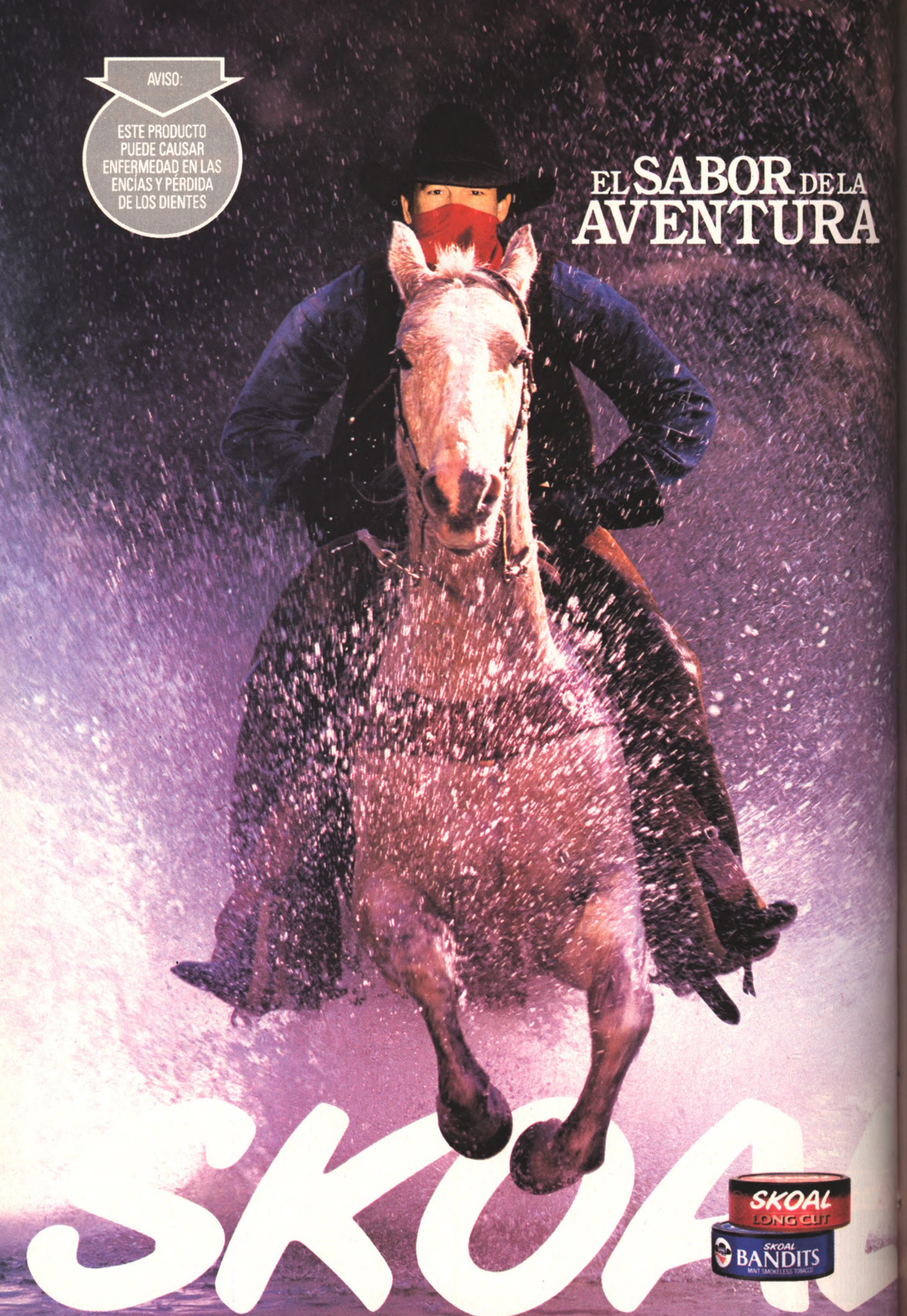
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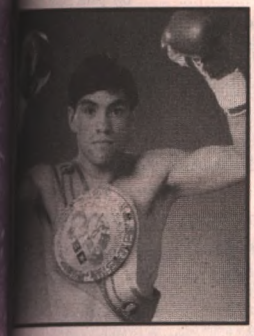

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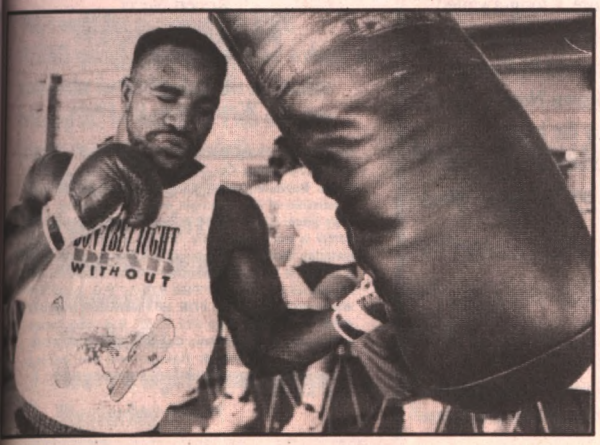

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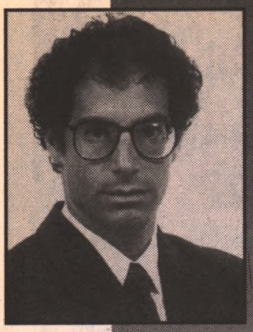

Ringside

What a weird run. It started with Simon Brown, but not simply. Brown, he of the detached retina and dizzy spells, did to the overwhelmingly talented Terry Norris what a car tire does to a grape. Next it was Frankie "The Surgeon" Randall, forgettable but not dismissible, removing the heart—and the near-perfect record—of Julio Cesar Chavez. J.C. screamed malpractice, but he'll never win in court. Then came Jake Rodriguez, whose nickname might as well have been "Who?", outbrawling *and* outboxing Charles "The Natural" Murray. "Rodriguez has to be the least talented world champion in boxing," said one respected boxing writer. That makes Murray, I suppose, a Natural Disaster. And, finally, Chiquita Gonzalez bled but forgot to play dead in his rematch against 1993 Fighter of the Year Michael Carbajal. The loser, who had kayoed Chiquita in March 1993, is probably wondering to himself, *Now who was it that told me it would be easier the second time around?* The answer, Michael: Don't believe what you read, especially when it's penned by a boxing writer.

This boxing writer doesn't find upsets upsetting at all. In fact, nothing regenerates my interest in the Sweet Science more than a surprise result or two. It's nice to think that at the sound of the opening bell, one well-placed punch can force a 10-1 favorite to listen to the referee count one to 10. But the last few months have been particularly unpredictable. What's next, a comebacking Jimmy McLarnin, 87, but still dangerous with his right hand, knocking out Pernell Whitaker?

Actually, Whitaker and James Toney are the only members of 1993's pound-for-pound top five who have escaped unscathed. At one recent point or another I've ranked Chavez first and Norris and Carbajal as high as third. Murray hadn't yet entered the top 10, but I was sure he was ticketed.

Are there more upsets to come? Does Lennox Lewis have to worry about Phil Jackson? If Jake Rodriguez should have been nicknamed "Jake Who?", this relatively anonymous challenger should go by "Not *That* Phil Jackson." Will the vulnerable and aging Julian Jackson gain revenge against Gerald McClellan? Is putty-chinned Michael Moorer going to kayo Evander Holyfield? Not likely, but if such results were likely, of course, they wouldn't be upsets.

The recent upset victors would seem a mixed bag, but they had one thing in common: Each had absolutely nothing to lose. Given his sundry medical problems, Brown had been pronounced washed-up. Randall would have been satisfied just to secure a long-awaited shot at the title. *(See interview on page 38.)* Past results seemingly justified the dismissal of Rodriguez as a limited clubfighter. And Gonzalez had already been kayoed by Carbajal. Perhaps accordingly, all four upsets, with the arguable exception of Brown-Norris, were the result of outstanding performances by the winners, not poor efforts by the losers.

It could be argued the slew of upsets suggests today's best fighters aren't all that good. More likely, for as long as champions are the haves and challengers are the have-nots, there will be enough upsets to keep us guessing.

Who'd want it any other way?

Steve Farhood
Editor-in-Chief

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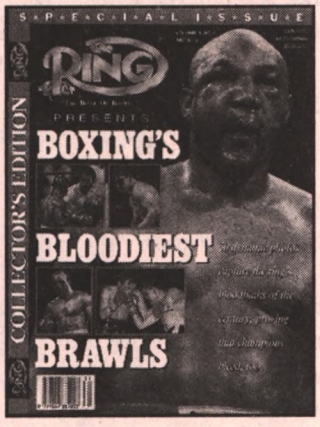

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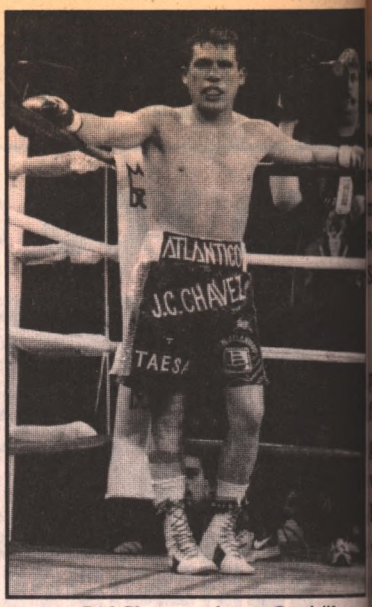

Did Chavez underrate Randall?

WAIT TILL NEXT TIME

Unlike Julio Cesar Chavez, I'm not going to moan about the decision; Frankie Randall deserved his win over Chavez in Las Vegas. But great fighters can't get up for every fight, and in the rematch Chavez will knock Randall out. You can bet the farm on it.

Randall was no threat to Chavez, or at least so the Mexican thought. He was rated first, but so what? He hadn't beaten anyone in years, and it was impossible for Chavez to get psyched for him the way he got psyched for, say, Hector Camacho.

Randall fought the fight of his life. It won't happen again. Chavez is still a great fighter, and like all great fighters, he'll prove his worth by coming back to defeat the fighter who beat him.

NORRIS KRANITZ
Denver, CO

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CRYIN' ABOUT RYAN

In regard to Jeff Ryan's outlook on Holyfield-Bowe II ("Ryan Out Loud," March 1994):

He apparently didn't see the same fight I saw. Referring to Holyfield, Ryan commented, " ... a guy with no punch and no hope of scoring a kayo ... " In the fight I saw, Bowe, the bigger and supposedly stronger man, moved in reverse from round five through 11.

Holyfield brawled with Bowe, but failed to impress Ryan

Remember, now, how Holyfield has no punch.

My guess is that if round five had lasted another 20 seconds or so, we would have seen Bowe on the canvas.

Remember, now, how Holyfield has no punch.

Holyfield came out on top in several of the toe-to-toe exchanges. And in the closing seconds of round 10, a fast and furious exchange resulted in Bowe's mouthpiece sailing across the ring. Imagine being the heavyweight champion of the world and having your mouthpiece bashed out by a man with *no punch*!

My advice to Mr. Ryan is to get a job that better suits him, like writing for the *National Enquirer*. Leave us boxing fans alone!

MATT HANSON
McPherson, KS

After reading Jeff Ryan's slamming of Evander Holyfield, I get the feeling Ryan simply doesn't like Holyfield. Ryan talks of Holyfield being protected, but neglects to comment on the protection Lennox Lewis, Riddick Bowe, and Tommy Morrison enjoy. I'd bet that if Mike Tyson were to fight Holyfield and beat him, Ryan would be the first to say "I told you so." But if Holyfield were to beat Tyson, Ryan would probably say, "Yeah, but only because Mike sat in prison for a few years."

DAVID MAGNUSSON
Hialeah, FL

I read Jeff Ryan's column on Holyfield-Bowe II and my response is this: What a no-experienced, pompous, useless, loudmouth you are! Where the hell do you, a so-called ring expert, come off putting down one of the best heavyweight fights seen in a long time? I don't know how much they're paying you to write for THE RING, but if Nat Fleischer knew about it, he'd make you give back every cent!

REGINALD D. ASHE
San Antonio, TX

Maybe Jeff Ryan should quit. After reading him bitch and moan about people overusing the word great to describe some of today's fights and fighters, I feel like he's done THE RING a disservice. Not all of us like to glorify the old days. Some of us love boxing today and appreciate fighters while they're still active. If Ryan can't appreciate "great" champions like Evander Holyfield, Pernell Whitaker, and James Toney, then he should write for a tennis magazine. Those of us who buy THE RING love boxing, so please, Mr. Ryan, don't waste our time anymore.

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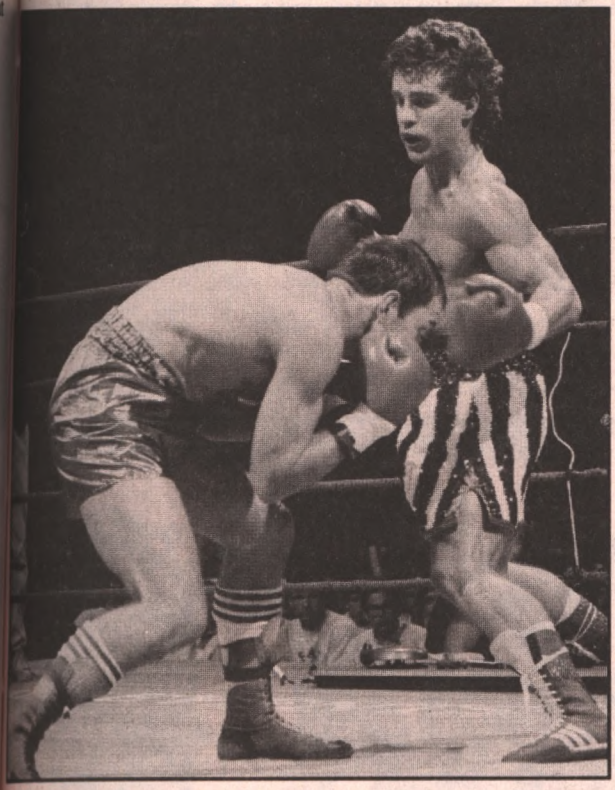

Is Gamache (pounding Johnny Kahlbenn) overprotected?

GAMACHE IS A FRAUD

Perhaps you can do a piece on the fraud that is being perpetuated in Lewiston, Maine. How in God's name can THE RING rate Joey Gamache, that sucker-punching sissy who refuses to fight anything but tomato cans—and only in Maine, at that? This kid is protected like an endangered species while he waits for a shot at a vacant title. These were the credentials of Jeff Mayweather, Gamache's most recent victim: 1) He was washed-up; 2) He couldn't punch; 3) He took the fight on short notice; 4) He was winless in his last four bouts.

Another gem by Gamache's matchmaker, Johnny "The Mismatch King" Bos.

J. DONOVAN
Boston, MA

AN IRISH OMISSION

I never miss an issue of THE RING, but I must offer a belated comment on your all-time top 10 for my country, Ireland ("The Best Of A Nation," June 1993). Excellent were the boys you mentioned, but there was no reference to one of our favorite sons, Belfast's own Jimmy Warnock. In the '30s, flyweight Warnock was peerless. In those far-off days, all he lacked was forceful and resourceful management. His big mistake was failing to set up camp in America.

When Scotland's Benny Lynch was NBA and IBU world champion (in 1936), he came to Belfast for a "tuneup" against Warnock and, surprise, surprise, suffered a defeat. Fifteen months later, with Lynch the reigning world champion, they were rematched in Glasgow, and Warnock repeated his victory.

Not surprisingly, Warnock was never given a shot at the title.

SAMUEL L. GRAY
Belfast, N. Ireland

PETTING TSZYU

I've seen boxing's future and his name is Kostya Tszyu. The Russian-born junior welterweight made his American TV debut with a win over top-10 contender Hector Lopez on USA, *and* I was incredibly impressed. First of all, Tszyu doesn't just win, he wins with style. He's got charisma, and better yet, he's a pure puncher. Only Lopez' world-class chin enabled him to last the distance.

Something to think about: Everyone is so high on Oscar De La Hoya, and I understand that because the gold medalist is an American. But De La Hoya's fought nobody, and by beating Lopez, Tszyu must be considered far ahead of the "Golden Boy." Look at the quality of opposition. Does Narciso Valenzuela, who put De La Hoya on the floor, compare to Lopez? Are Jeff Mayweather and Frankie Avelar as tough as Livingstone Bramble, Sammy Fuentes, and Juan LaPorte? De La Hoya may win a world title before Tszyu, but be sure that in a year or two, Tszyu will be ranked ahead of Oscar in the pound-for-pound ratings.

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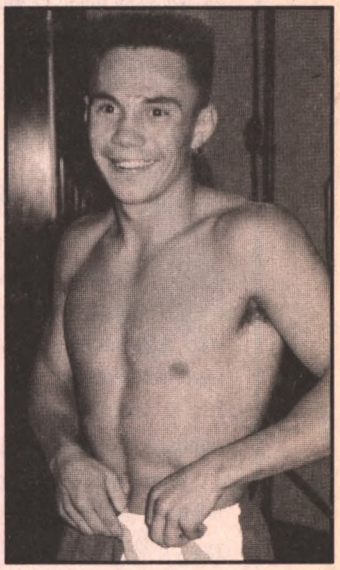


Tszyu: Boxing's future?

Round One

THE CBS EYE ISN'T ON BOXING

A lesson in logic: If CBS won't be televising Major League Baseball or NFL Football this year, and boxing almost always produces good ratings numbers, then ...

Sorry, but it's not gonna work that way. The value of network exposure can't be overestimated, so when CBS suddenly found itself with a huge programming void, boxing insiders were hoping for a return to the good old days, when all three free TV networks regularly televised big fights. But CBS recently signed separate five-year deals with the Big East and Southeastern Conferences, which means the network is counting on college football and basketball to pick up some of the slack.

"At this time," a spokesperson for CBS Sports told THE RING, "there are no plans to return to boxing. But that could change in the future."

Thanks for nothing.

—Steve Farhood

THE NEW PLAYER IN VEGAS

Remember when Atlantic City was competing with Las Vegas for big fights? Those days are long gone. Now *Las Vegas* is competing with Las Vegas. It was with a roar that the MGM Grand hotel-casino, The Strip's first billion-dollar gaming palace, made its debut.

Not even the most imaginative Hollywood screenwriter could have improved on the January 29 inaugural show at the 15,222-seat Garden Arena, where 17-1 underdog Frankie Randall spit in the eye of the oddsmakers and outpointed Julio Cesar Chavez. The show attracted a crowd of 12,227.

"There were no major glitches in any area," said Dennis Finfrock, the Grand's vice president of special events. "The acoustics were outstanding, and our media facilities were well-received. Like our entire complex, it's a state-of-the-art arena. Excellent sightlines. No obstructions."

The MGM Grand plans three major shows in March, and on May 7 will present what could be the card of the year, a Don King-promoted show of title fight rematches, including Simon Brown-Terry Norris II and Randall-Chavez II.

Before the 30-story, 5,000-room facility was opened to the public, Finfrock said, "We are going to be in the boxing game big-time. That's not a promise. It's a fact."

The lights of The Strip are brighter than ever.

—Jack Welsh

At the MGM Grand: Jose Sulaiman, Finfrock, and Ray and Bernadette Leonard

Photo by Chris Farina

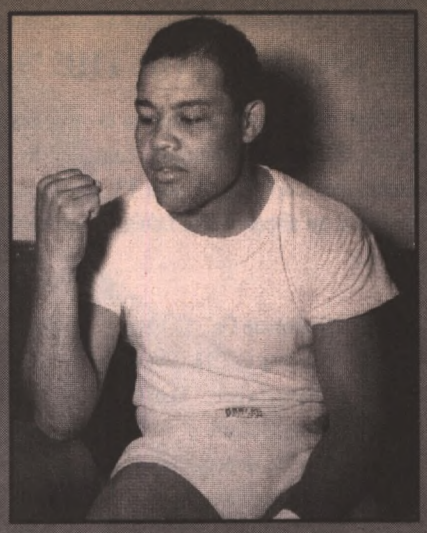
THE BOBBY FISCHER OF THE RING

While we're not certain there's a perfect system to rate boxers, we're sure the WBA, WBC and IBF could use some help. Maybe they should turn to Paul J. Powell Jr., a RING reader from New Castle, Delaware, who happens to be a national chessmaster. Creating a rating system based on the formula used by the International Chess Federation, Powell ranked RING's all-time heavyweight champions.

In simple terms, the system heavily weighs a fighter's quality of opposition, with the end result being a number that indicates each champion's average of performance and relative strength.

Powell began by establishing a base line for current fighters, based on historical data. Fighters new to the system received a provisional rating based on results against fighters with established ratings (those with at least eight fights). If a new entrant fights to a draw, he gets a ratings performance equal to that of his opponent. If he wins, he gets 400 points more than his opponent, and if he loses, 400 points less.

A difference of less than 50 points is insignificant.



Louis: First in the all-time ratings

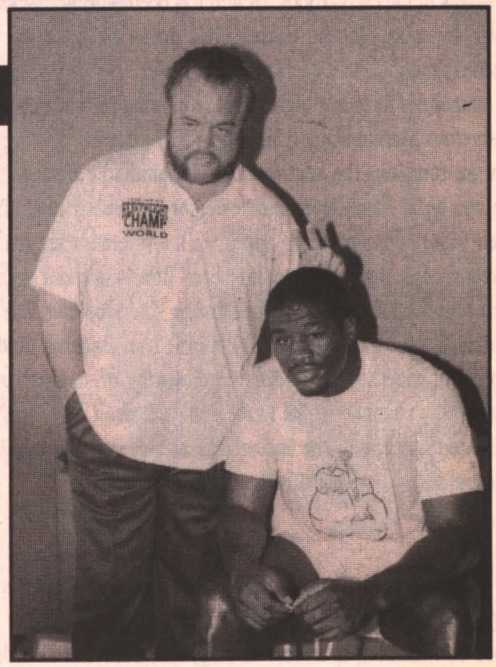
The results:

Joe Louis	2088
Larry Holmes*	2038
Muhammad Ali	2022
Rocky Marciano	2021
Gene Tunney	2013
Evander Holyfield	2001
Mike Tyson	1995
Riddick Bowe	1991
Primo Carnera	1971
Jack Johnson	1965
George Foreman*	1951
Lennox Lewis	1940
Sonny Liston	1934
Jack Dempsey	1921
Michael Spinks	1916
Max Baer	1907
Floyd Patterson	1906
Tommy Burns	1895
Joe Frazier	1893
John Tate	1890
Tim Witherspoon	1886
Jim Jeffries	1880
John L. Sullivan	1879
Max Schmeling	1871
Ezzard Charles	1871
Ingemar Johansson	1867
Ernie Terrell	1859
Ken Norton	1845
Trevor Berbick	1840
Buster Douglas	1838
Gerrie Coetzee	1827
Bob Fitzsimmons	1816
Jess Willard	1808
Jimmy Ellis	1803
Marvin Hart	1796
Jim Corbett	1781
Jack Sharkey	1759
Mike Weaver	1740
Jersey Joe Walcott	1732
Jim Braddock	1715
Leon Spinks	1713

*through 1988 (doesn't include Seniors Tour)

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

New York man-about-boxing **Marvin Kohn**, 70, died shortly following a heart attack and stroke. Kohn served as a representative of the New York State Athletic Commission for 40 years and under nine different chairmen. He was also the longtime treasurer of the Boxing Writers Association of America ... At a hearing in June, the appeals lawyers of **Mike Tyson** will argue that prosecutors knew his accuser, **Desiree Washington**, planned to sue the former heavyweight champion and make money from the rape case. The Indiana State Court of Appeals ruled Tyson was entitled to a hearing to determine whether prosecutors withheld information at trial that might have resulted in a different verdict ... Former heavyweight champion **Riddick Bowe** and manager **Rock Newman** have become limited partners in a minor league hockey team based in Syracuse. The team's managing general partner, **Howard Dolgon,** is a former boxing publicist. Dolgon hopes to begin play in the American Hockey League next year.



Newman and Bowe are on ice

NICKNAMES FOR THE '90s

Flight delays have been known to cause brain-lock, which explains this list of boxing nicknames, compiled by Garden State Boxing matchmaker Carl Moretti and TV analyst Dave Bontempo while stranded at an airport in St. Louis. (Their apologies to ESPN's Chris Berman.)

Stanley "Nightmare On" Longstreet
Freddie "A Swing Of The" Pendleton
Chris "Newlywed Game" Eubank
Garing "Memory" Lane
Lloyd "Sugar" & Honeyghan
Robert "Jack" Daniels
Julio "Cesar Geronimo" Chavez
Larry Barnes & Noble
Calvin "Coconut" Grove
Bruce Seldon Wins
Freddy "Scott" Norwood
Capt. Kirk Johnson
Greg Haugen "Dazs"
Felix Trinidad & Tobago
Gerald Ford McClellan
Joe Hipp Replacement
Dan "A Glass Of" Sherry
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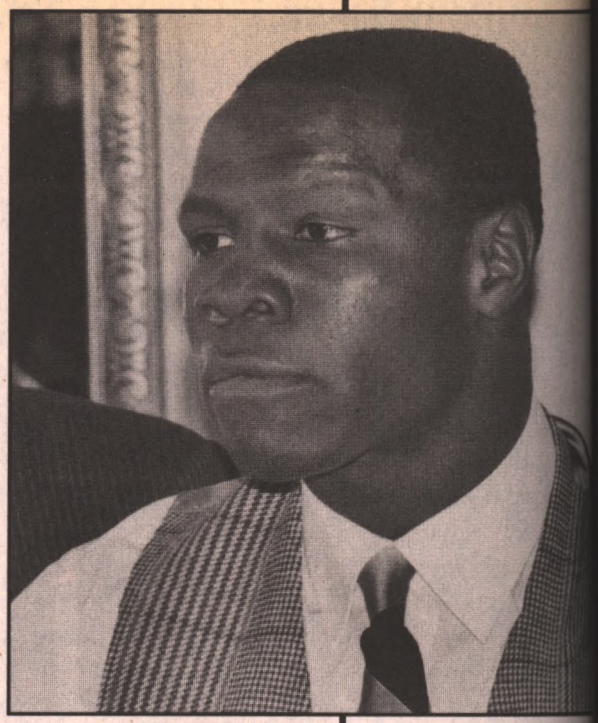

Chris "Newlywed Game" Eubank

THE BOXING BOOKSHELF

Using any measuring stick, *A Hard Road To Glory: The African-American Athlete In Boxing*, by Arthur Ashe Jr., (Amistad, 152 pages, $19.95), is a huge disappointment. The book was originally published as a three-volume set in 1988. It chronicled the history and achievements of African-Americans in sports since the first blacks were brought to America as slaves in the early-1600s. Now it has been reprinted, updated, and broken down by sport. But the boxing book doesn't come close to "Putting The Record Straight," as it declares on the cover.

Important facts and highlights are missing from the careers of Joe Louis, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, and Sugar Ray Leonard. Factual errors and typos can be found in the sections on Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Thomas Hearns, and others. Super middleweight and cruiserweight champions aren't even listed, although some appear in the reference section, which contains career records that appear to have been lifted—without acknowledgement—from *The Ring Record Book And Boxing Encyclopedia*. The careers of Terry Norris, James Toney, Michael Nunn, Iran Barkley, and even Evander Holyfield were somehow deemed unworthy of summarization, while less noteworthy champions like Leroy Haley, Bruce Curry, and Mark Medal are included. Although the intent was noble, the late tennis great and his assistants have double-faulted.

—Ed Maloney

Recently retired triple-crown champion Jeff Fenech's autobiography, *Jeff Fenech: I Love Youse All* (Penguin Books, Australia Ltd, 217 pages, price unavailable), is an entertaining, easy read that includes many photos. Collaborating with Sydney-based journalist Terry Smith, Fenech, one of the most talented and interesting champions of the '80s, offers a revealing view of himself.

It's not surprising Fenech enjoys a close relationship with Mike Tyson. Or that his idol is Roberto Duran. Like Tyson, Fenech spent time in reform school as a young boy ("I was a hoodlum, all right"). Boxing, he says, saved him from ending up in jail. In the ring, he featured a combination of ferocity and intensity surpassed only by Duran.

While his short fuse and big temper have gotten him into skirmishes outside the ring, the soft side of Fenech is evident in his involvement with Australia's youth and his friendship with Con Spyropoulos, a mate since boyhood, who was brain-damaged at birth. Spyropoulos, says Fenech, helped debrutalize him. Tell that to Fenech's opponents.

—Ed Maloney

THE PUNCHLINE

New York Post columnist Jack Newfield in an open letter to Mike Tyson: "Somebody recently asked me if I thought you could beat Evander Holyfield after three years in prison. I replied you could probably beat Holyfield after three minutes in the electric chair."

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Journeyman heavyweight George O'Mara, a Tex Cobb lookalike, explaining to Showtime why he returned to the ring after a lengthy layoff: "NASA wasn't hiring that day."

THE SAD STORY OF "KID PAMBELE"

Antonio Cervantes is the greatest Colombian boxer of all-time, and one of the best 140-pounders in the division's history. Unfortunately, "Kid Pambele" seems to be losing a battle against his toughest opponent: himself. Earlier this year, Cervantes, who suffers from drug and alcohol addiction, was admitted to Psychiatric Hospital in Havana, Cuba. After recent brushes with the law in his hometown of Bogota and failed attempts at rehabilitation, Cervantes was moved to Cuba for advanced treatment.

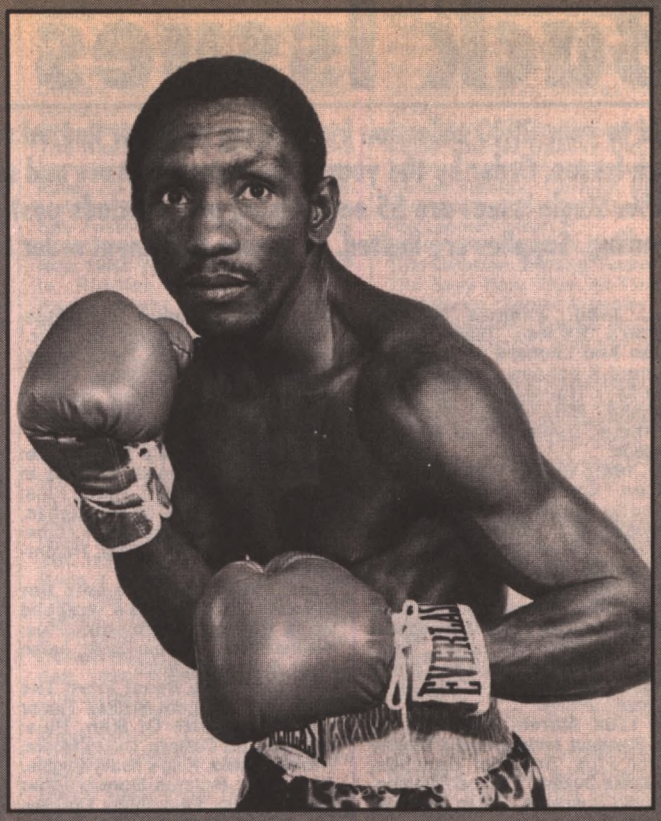
Cervantes reigned twice as WBA junior welterweight champion, first winning the title in 1972. He made a total of 17 successful defenses and was ranked in a class with then-lightweight champion Roberto Duran. The classy Colombian lost the title for good in 1980, when Aaron Pryor stopped him in four rounds.

Cervantes hung around the fight game after that loss, but drinking and drugs ate away his money, and only friends and his legendary name kept him away from a long spell in prison.

Cervantes' latest incident involved his attacking alleged drug dealers; one newspaper report said he complained about the prices and quality of the drugs. After Cervantes, 48, was hospitalized and observed for a month in Bogota, Colombia's Institute of Youth and Sports made an agreement with Cuban sports officials to provide him with advanced treatment.

The boxing world can only hope for a happy ending.

—Bruce Williams

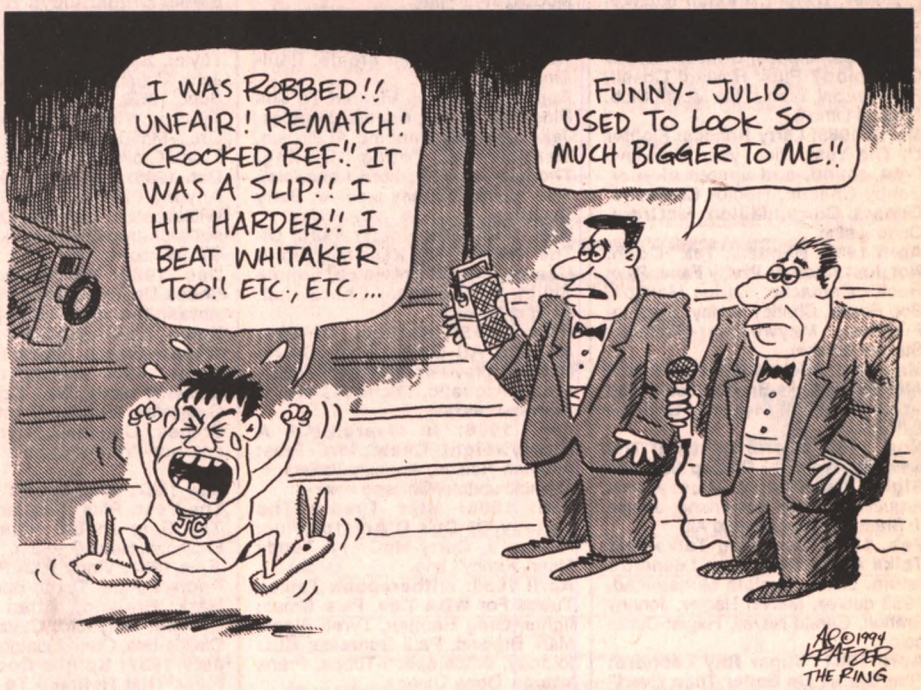


Cervantes: Battling drug addiction

10 REASONS WHY JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ REFUSES TO ACCEPT DEFEAT

10. Promised wife next time he'd kayo Meldrick Taylor two seconds after opening bell.
9. Loss was part of plot created by American media to discredit him.
8. Thought Franz Marti and Mickey Vann would be judging again.
7. Doesn't understand why Frankie Randall didn't fall for "your-shoelace-is-untied" trick.
6. Still waiting for cornerman to tell him, "You're blowing it, son."
5. Figured Richard Steele was the referee, so …
4. Never saw points deducted for low blows in a cockfight.
3. Called a "do-over" in 11th round.
2. Never heard fat lady singing, only a little boy named Michael Angelo.
1. Unbeaten record was tied into two-for-one frozen margarita deal in Culiacan.

AL KRATZER'S VIEW



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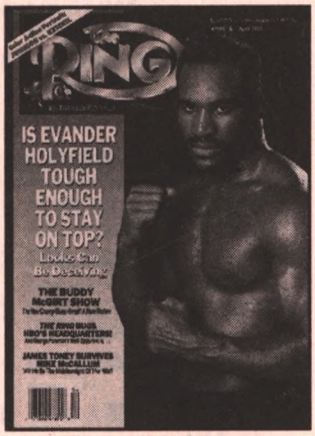

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1. **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
   Atlanta, GA 30-1 (WBA/IBF Champ)
2. **RIDDICK BOWE**
   Fort Washington, MD 34-1
3. **LENNOX LEWIS**
   England 24-0 (WBC Champ)
4. **MICHAEL MOORER**
   Detroit, MI 34-0
5. **MICHAEL BENTT**
   Cambria Heights, NY 11-1
6. **OLIVER McCALL**
   Chicago, IL 23-5
7. **RAZOR RUDDUCK**
   Ft. Lauderdale, FL 29-4-1
8. **RAY MERCER**
   Vernon Valley, NJ 23-2
9. **PHIL JACKSON**
   Miami, FL 30-1
10. **TOMMY MORRISON**
    Merriam, KS 38-2

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 195 pounds

1. **ORLIN NORRIS**
   Campo, CA 39-3 (WBA Champ)
2. **ANACLET WAMBA**
   France 40-2 (WBC Champ)
3. **AL COLE**
   Spring Valley, NY 24-1 (IBF Champ)
4. **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**
   Las Vegas, NV 21-1-1
5. **THOMAS HEARNS**
   Detroit, MI 53-4-1
6. **BOBBY CZYZ**
   Montgomery, NJ 42-5
7. **NATE MILLER**
   Philadelphia, PA 23-3
8. **NORBERT EKASSI**
   France 20-4-1
9. **AKIM TAFER**
   France 17-4
10. **KENNY KEENE**
    Emmett, ID 25-0

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1. **VIRGIL HILL**
   Bismarck, ND 38-1 (WBA Champ)
2. **HENRY MASKE**
   Germany 21-0 (IBF Champ)
3. **JEFF HARDING**
   Australia 23-1 (WBC Champ)
4. **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
   Mansfield, OH 35-5-2
5. **LEEONZER BARBER**
   Detroit, MI 19-1
6. **MIKE McCALLUM**
   Brooklyn, NY 45-2-1
7. **EGERTON MARCUS**
   Canada 12-0
8. **FRANK TATE**
   Houston, TX 35-3
9. **ERNESTO MAGDALENO**
   Westminster, CA 17-0-1
10. **FABRICE TIOZZO**
    France 27-1

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1. **JAMES TONEY**
   Ann Arbor, MI 42-0-2 (IBF Champ)
2. **MICHAEL NUNN**
   Davenport, IA 42-1 (WBA Champ)
3. **CHRIS EUBANK**
   England 37-0-1
4. **NIGEL BENN**
   England 34-2-1 (WBC Champ)
5. **TIM LITTLES**
   Flint, MI 23-0
6. **FRANK LILES**
   N. Hollywood, CA 24-1
7. **TONY THORNTON**
   Glassboro, NJ 32-6-1
8. **ANTOINE BYRD**
   Los Angeles, CA 24-4-1
9. **DARRIN VAN HORN**
   Lexington, KY 53-3
10. **VINCENZO NARDIELLO**
    Italy 24-2

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 160 pounds

1. **ROY JONES**
   Pensacola, FL 24-0 (IBF Champ)
2. **GERALD McCLELLAN**
   Freeport, IL 29-2 (WBC Champ)
3. **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
   Seattle, WA 30-0 (WBA Champ)
4. **REGGIE JOHNSON**
   Houston, TX 34-3-1
5. **JULIAN JACKSON**
   Virgin Islands 48-2
6. **THOMAS TATE**
   Houston, TX 30-2
7. **LAMAR PARKS**
   Greeneville, SC 27-1
8. **BERNARD HOPKINS**
   Philadelphia, PA 24-2
9. **VINNY PAZIENZA**
   Cranston, RI 36-5
10. **OTIS GRANT**
    Canada 22-0

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 154 pounds

1. **SIMON BROWN** — Mount Airy, MD 41-2 (WBC Champ)
2. **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ** — Argentina 46-1 (WBA Champ)
3. **GIANFRANCO ROSI** — Italy 57-3 (IBF Champ)
4. **VERNO PHILLIPS** — New York, NY 20-5
5. **TERRY NORRIS** — Mission Valley, CA 36-4
6. **CARL DANIELS** — St. Louis, MO 30-1
7. **AARON DAVIS** — Bronx, NY 38-2
8. **RONALD WRIGHT** — St. Petersburg, FL 23-0
9. **JULIO CESAR GREEN** — Brooklyn, NY 15-1
10. **JAVIER CASTILLEJOS** — Spain 31-2

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 147 pounds

1. **PERNELL WHITAKER** — Norfolk, VA 32-1-1 (WBC Champ)
2. **FELIX TRINIDAD** — Puerto Rico 23-0 (IBF Champ)
3. **CRISANTO ESPANA** — N. Ireland 30-0 (WBA Champ)
4. **BUDDY McGIRT** — Hauppauge, NY 60-3-1
5. **YORI BOY CAMPAS** — Mexico 54-0
6. **IKE QUARTEY** — Ghana 25-0
7. **WILFREDO RIVERA** — Puerto Rico 17-0-1
8. **OBA CARR** — Detroit, MI 29-0
9. **LARRY BARNES** — Mt. Vernon, NY 31-1
10. **ANTHONY JONES** — Detroit, MI 33-5-1

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 140 pounds

1. **FRANKIE RANDALL** — Warren, OH 49-2-1 (WBC Champ)
2. **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ** — Mexico 89-1-1
3. **JAKE RODRIGUEZ** — Brentwood, NY 24-2-2 (IBF Champ)
4. **JUAN COGGI** — Argentina 65-2-2 (WBA Champ)
5. **ZACK PADILLA** — Azusa, CA 19-1-1
6. **KOSTYA TSZYU** — Australia 11-0
7. **CHARLES MURRAY** — Rochester, NY 31-2
8. **CARLOS GONZALEZ** — Mexico 38-1
9. **DAVID KAMAU** — Los Angeles, CA 22-0
10. **TONY LOPEZ** — Sacramento, CA 44-4-1

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 135 pounds

1. **MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ** — Mexico 30-0 (WBC Champ)
2. **RAFAEL RUELAS** — Arleta, CA 40-1 (IBF Champ)
3. **NAZAROV OLZUBEK** — Japan 19-0 (WBA Champ)
4. **FREDDIE PENDLETON** — Miami, FL 35-19-4
5. **SHARMBA MITCHELL** — Takoma Park, MD 30-0
6. **DINGAAN THOBELA** — South Africa 29-2-1
7. **JOEY GAMACHE** — Lewiston, ME 34-1
8. **JEAN-BAPTISTE MENDY** — France 45-4-2
9. **MIGUEL JULIO** — Colombia 24-1-1
10. **LEAVANDER JOHNSON** — Atlantic City, NJ 20-0-1

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 130 pounds

1. **AZUMAH NELSON** — Ghana 36-2-2 (WBC Champ)
2. **GENARO HERNANDEZ** — Los Angeles, CA 30-0-1 (WBA Champ)
3. **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA** — Puerto Rico 34-3 (IBF Champ)
4. **CALVIN GROVE** — Coatesville, PA 45-5
5. **GABE RUELAS** — Arleta, CA 37-2
6. **OSCAR DE LA HOYA** — Montebello, CA 11-0
7. **JIMMI BREDAHL** — Denmark 17-0
8. **VICTOR HUGO PAZ** — Argentina 39-1-1
9. **REGILIO TUUR** — Whitestone, NY 33-3-1
10. **MARCOS GUEVARA** — Venezuela 21-2

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 126 pounds

1. **KEVIN KELLEY** — Flushing, NY 37-0 (WBC Champ)
2. **TOM JOHNSON** — Detroit, MI 35-2-1 (IBF Champ)
3. **ELOY ROJAS** — Venezuela 27-1-1 (WBA Champ)
4. **GOYO VARGAS** — Mexico 30-4-1
5. **YUNG KYUN PARK** — South Korea 25-2-1
6. **JESSE JAMES LEIJA** — San Antonio, TX 26-0-2
7. **PAUL HODKINSON** — England 22-2-1
8. **ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ** — Mexico 29-2-2
9. **STEVE ROBINSON** — Wales 16-9-1
10. **FRANCISCO SEGURA** — Coachella, CA 24-6-1

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 122 pounds

1. **KENNEDY McKINNEY** — Las Vegas, NV 26-0-1 (IBF Champ)
2. **TRACY PATTERSON** — Highland, NY 49-2-1 (WBC Champ)
3. **WILFREDO VASQUEZ** — Puerto Rico 38-6-3 (WBA Champ)
4. **WELCOME NCITA** — South Africa 32-1
5. **JULIO GERVACIO** — Puerto Rico 28-3-2
6. **JESSE BENAVIDES** — Corpus Christi, TX 38-3-1
7. **JESUS SALUD** — San Diego, CA 46-6
8. **CESAR SOTO** — Mexico 36-5-2
9. **YUICHI KASAI** — Japan 18-0-1
10. **JAE WON CHOI** — South Korea 18-0

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 118 pounds

1. **ORLANDO CANIZALES** — Laredo, TX 35-1-1 (IBF Champ)
2. **JUNIOR JONES** — Brooklyn, NY 32-0 (WBA Champ)
3. **YASUEI YAKUSHIJI** — Japan 20-2-1 (WBC Champ)
4. **ELIECER JULIO** — Colombia 24-1
5. **JUNG IL BYUN** — South Korea 10-1
6. **RAFAEL DEL VALLE** — Puerto Rico 15-0
7. **VICTOR RABANALES** — Mexico 34-12-2
8. **VINCENZO BELCASTRO** — Italy 26-5-3
9. **GERARDO MARTINEZ** — San Jose, CA 29-1
10. **DAORUNG CHUWATANA** — Thailand 49-4-2

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 115 pounds

1. **KATSUYA ONIZUKA** — Japan 22-0 (WBA Champ)
2. **JULIO BORBOA** — Mexico 21-4 (IBF Champ)
3. **JOSE LUIS BUENO** — Mexico 24-3-1 (WBC Champ)
4. **MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA** — Mexico 28-0
5. **SUNG KIL MOON** — South Korea 20-2
6. **KHAOYAI MAHASARAKAM** — Thailand 45-4
7. **JOHNNY BREDAHL** — Denmark 20-0
8. **ROBERT QUIROGA** — San Antonio, TX 20-1
9. **CARLOS SALAZAR** — Argentina 30-4-3
10. **KOTARO HAYASHI** — Japan 12-3

FLYWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 112 pounds

1. **YURI ARBACHAKOV** — Japan 17-0 (WBC Champ)
2. **SAN SOW PLEONCHIT** — Thailand 14-0 (WBA Champ)
3. **PHICHIT SITHBANGPRACHAN** — Thailand 17-0 (IBF Champ)
4. **ISAIAS ZAMUDIO** — Blythe, CA 35-4-1
5. **DAVID GRIMAN** — Venezuela 17-1
6. **JOSE LUIS ZEPEDA** — Mexico 23-11-2
7. **MARK JOHNSON** — Washington, D.C. 16-1
8. **DANNY ROMERO** — Albuquerque, NM 14-0
9. **ROBBIE REGAN** — Wales 12-1-3
10. **ARTHUR JOHNSON** — Minneapolis, MN 8-1

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 108 pounds

1. **CHIQUITA GONZALEZ** — Mexico 38-2 (WBC/IBF Champ)
2. **MICHAEL CARBAJAL** — Phoenix, AZ 29-1
3. **LEO GAMEZ** — Venezuela 25-3 (WBA Champ)
4. **LEON SALAZAR** — Panama 15-3-1
5. **MELCHOR COB CASTRO** — Mexico 37-4-3
6. **JOSE DeJESUS** — Puerto Rico 26-2-1
7. **JESUS CHONG** — Mexico 22-5
8. **FAHLAN SAKKIRIN** — Thailand 25-2-1
9. **ROBINSON CUESTA** — Panama 23-1
10. **ERIC GRIFFIN** — Jasper, TN 10-1

POUND FOR POUND

1. **PERNELL WHITAKER** — Welterweight
2. **JAMES TONEY** — Super Middleweight
3. **ORLANDO CANIZALES** — Bantamweight
4. **EVANDER HOLYFIELD** — Heavyweight
5. **RICARDO LOPEZ** — Strawweight
6. **CHIQUITA GONZALEZ** — Junior Flyweight
7. **MICHAEL CARBAJAL** — Junior Flyweight
8. **FRANKIE RANDALL** — Junior Welterweight
9. **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ** — Junior Welterweight
10. **KENNEDY McKINNEY** — Junior Featherweight

New Faces

A LOOK BACK

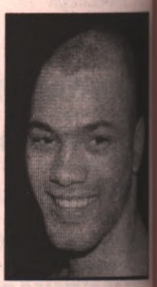
Compiled By Steve Farhood

Before we put it off any longer, let's look back at our recent batch of "New Faces." No world champions yet, but some hot contenders (Jeremy Williams, Winky Wright), and a few disappointments, too (Pete Taliaferro, Danell Nicholson, Emmett Linton). The complete rundown:

Alexandre Zolkin, heavyweight (March 1993 issue): Since appearing in "New Faces," Zolkin has lost to Tony Tubbs and Mike "The Bounty" Hunter. Both bouts were narrow points losses, and the Russian-born southpaw is still regarded as a promising prospect. His second-round kayo of Jerry Jones in December was reason for optimism. Record: 16-2 (12).

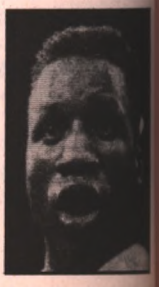
Pete Taliaferro, junior lightweight (April 1993 issue): Last November, Taliaferro, 22, fought tentatively vs. former world champion Calvin Grove and lost a split decision. But he rebounded in February, winning the USBA 130-pound crown—and a place in the top 10—with a points victory over Bernard Taylor. The Alabama boxer was in the right place at the right time; he was a late substitute for the injured Freddy Liberatore. Record: 24-2 (18).

Derrell Coley, welterweight (May 1993 issue): Coley was disappointed by a draw vs. the difficult Lonnie Smith last August, and he was inactive in the latter portion of 1993 because of a promotional contract with Madison Square Garden Boxing, which closed its doors. "We're ready to step up," said manager Mike Marley. "Kevin Pompey, Larry Barnes, Stephan Johnson have all turned us down." Record: 20-0-1 (15).



Jeremy Williams, heavyweight (June 1993 issue): Fighting frequently, Williams, 21, has advanced on schedule, stopping 1992 Olympian Danell Nicholson and trialhorses Garing Lane and Mark Wills. As we went to press, he was scheduled to meet another '92 Olympian, unbeaten Larry Donald, on ABC-TV in March. The winner will surely crack the top 10. Record: 15-0 (12).

Danell Nicholson, heavyweight (July 1993 issue): Shortly after appearing in THE RING, 1992 Olympian Nicholson faced fellow prospect Jeremy Williams in a sooner-than-expected crossroads bout. If Nicholson was ready, he didn't show it; Williams halted him in the second round. The Chicago-based heavyweight has rebounded with four wins and, according to promoter Ernie Terrell, "is capable of beating some of the contenders right now." Record: 14-1 (11).



Emmett Linton, junior middleweight (August 1993 issue): A former amateur champion, Linton was derailed in October '93 by Lonny Beasley. Hand problems kept him out of the ring until February, when the southpaw dropped a close 12-round decision to Curtis Summit. Linton hardly looks like a future champ. "The loss [to Beasley] pointed out to him what he needs to do to win in the pros," said Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler. "He's way too tentative and doesn't use his skills." Record: 17-2 (8).

Ronald "Winky" Wright, junior middleweight (September 1993 issue): Wright continues his rapid rise in the ratings; he's now ranked second by the WBA and fifth by both the WBC and IBF. Trainer Dan Birmingham said Winky is headed for a try at WBA champion Julio Cesar Vasquez, probably in Europe. First, however, comes a test vs. the rugged Troy Waters, scheduled for March 19 in Las Vegas. Record: 23-0 (16).

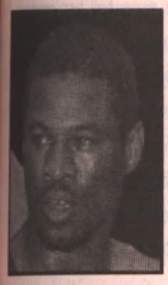
Freddie Ladd, welterweight (October 1993 issue): Don King has been stockpiling talent at 147 pounds, and Ladd is his secret weapon. Manager Red Fortner indicated the possibility of a showdown with fellow unbeaten Oba Carr in March. "Freddie's body has changed from a boy's to a man's," said Fortner. "He's hitting harder and it's time to make a move. We want a world title fight by the end of the year." Record: 27-0 (21).

David Tua, heavyweight (November 1993 issue): Tua hasn't yet emerged from the pack of young heavyweights, but trainer Lou Duva speaks glowingly of the New Zealander. "He's about two years away," said Captain Lou. "Probably toward the end of '94 we'll put him in against some of the name guys." Tua is expected to jump to 10-rounders by the summer. Record: 12-0 (11).

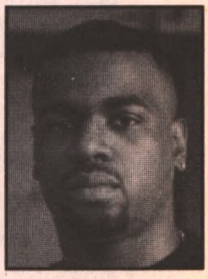
George Scott, junior welterweight (December 1993 issue): Angelo Dundee's 140-pounder beat tough fellow prospect Homer Gibbins in a crossroads bout in February. "George is knocking on titles," said the ever-optimistic Dundee. "He's that good. I can get him to fight any way I want, depending on who he's in with." Record: 22-0 (11).

Lonnie Bradley, middleweight (January 1994 issue): Bradley, a New Yorker, lost a lot of potential exposure when Madison Square Garden Boxing shut its doors last year. He remains unbeaten, with manager Dave Wolf continuing to move him at a deliberate pace. Look for him in a 10-rounder on the USA Network's *Tuesday Night Fights* in the immediate future. Record: 14-0 (12)

Buster Mathis Jr., heavyweight (February 1994 issue): Mathis lacks a big-time punch, but quietly continues his progress. In February, he won the vacant USBA title by outpointing Tyrell Biggs. It was Mathis' second try for the crown; in December '93, he lost a split decision to Mike Hunter, but the winner tested positive for drugs and the bout was declared a no-decision. Record: 13-0 (3) with 1 no-decision.

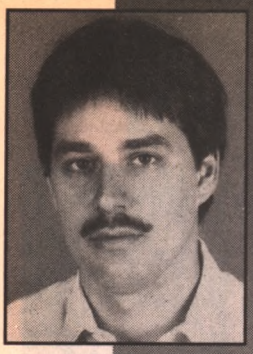


Shane Mosley, lightweight (March 1994 issue): Mosley is now a 10-round fighter, and as we went to press, he was scheduled to face Oscar Lopez, a grizzled California veteran who represents a small jump in class. Promoter Patrick Ortiz says Mosley will fight once a month, with the goal a world title fight by the end of the year. "He has all the physical tools," Ortiz says. Record: 9-0 (9).



Montell Griffin, light heavyweight (April 1994 issue): In January, Griffin made his TV debut on the USA Network, kayoing Steve Brewer in two rounds. Trainer Eddie Futch has been impressed by the 1992 Olympian's progress, and manager John Caluwaert is now considering offers from the game's big-name promoters. The goal: a top-10 ranking—and maybe a world title shot—by the year's end. Record: 11-0 (7).

Danny Romero, flyweight (May 1994 issue): The pride of New Mexico is only 19, but Romero is already world-class, and Top Rank will move him rapidly. "Kid Dynamita's" ninth-round stoppage of rugged Mexican Armando Diaz in January proved he's ready. "We'd like to have him in a title fight this summer," says Trampler. The likely target, however, will be WBO king Jacob Matlala. Record: 15-0 (13). ■



Ryan Out Loud

SOMETHING I SAID?

By Jeff Ryan

The last time I was in this position was in college, when I had the audacity during one of my weekly ra shows to pick a marvelous welterweight champion, Wilfred Benitez, to beat a national hero, Sugar Ray Leona To the campus ignoranti (in some dictionaries, that's the opposite of cognoscenti), Benitez was just another A Price or Pete Ranzany, and I was someone who should have been fitted for a varsity straitjacket.

Though Benitez didn't win, I felt vindicated when he gave Leonard a fight that Sugar considers to be one the toughest of his career. And I understood that much of the open-mouthed marveling at my prediction stemm from the mainstream fans not knowing Wilfred Benitez from Wilford Brimley. Having lived through th experience, I was prepared for all of the you putting-me-on looks I've gotten when tell people that, yes, I really *do* think Michael Moor will decision Evander Holyfield.

The doubts reached a crescendo one day in winter, when a TV talk show host I have know for a few years called and asked what I thought Moorer, a fighter he knew little about.

"Next heavyweight champion," I told him.

Clearly intrigued by my opinion, he shared with some other folks in his business. They to him to call me back and make sure I wasn't a intoxicated, b) delirious with cabin fever, employed as Moorer's press agent, or d) all of th above.

Why do so many people seem to think I've lo my mind? (Please, only one postcard per reade and family members and employees of The Ri are not eligible to respond.) It's not as though picked Tonya Harding to win a Nobel Peace Pri forecast Michael Jordan winning a batting tit with the White Sox, or predicted the Bills would actually hold aloft a Super Bowl trophy before th day when the buffalo on their helmets becam extinct.

All I did was predict that an undefeated crunch-punching, hungry, intense challenger wi nothing to lose and the universe to gain would decision a heavyweight champion who, while ver good, has physical limitations and questionable motivation. If this qualifies as a crime, I plead guilty and volunteer to serve a sentence of no le than a year at the Indiana Youth Center. (A small price to pay, as I see it. At least I'll have better access to Mike Tyson and someone to talk Volta with in the lunch line.)

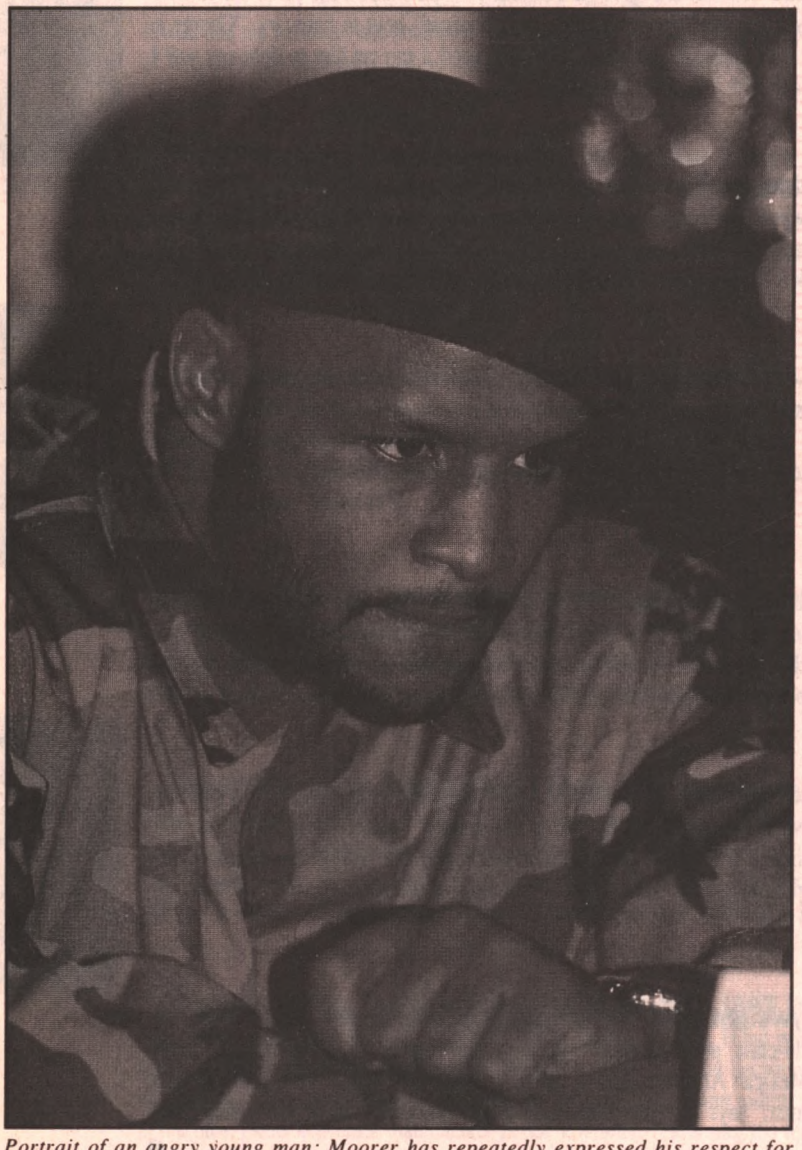


Photo by Jason Ross Lavin

Portrait of an angry young man: Moorer has repeatedly expressed his respect for Holyfield. He's also promised his feelings will change on April 22.

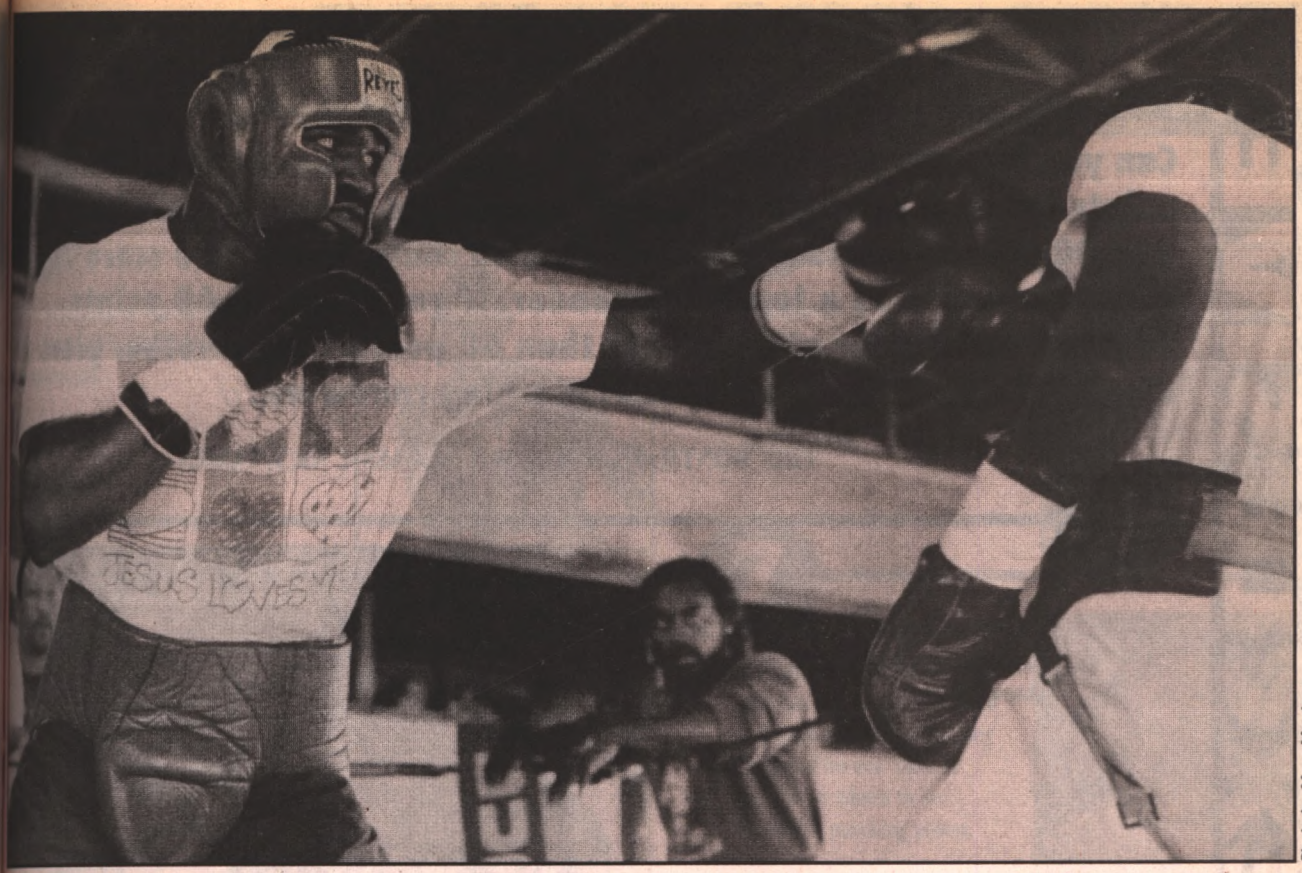


Photo by Marc Morrison

Does Holyfield want to fight as much as he once did? After regaining the heavyweight title from Riddick Bowe, "The Real Deal" considered retirement.

My assumption is that this is not pro-Holyfield sentiment I am sensing out there, but anti-Moorer feelings. After all, prior to the November rematch with Riddick Bowe, to lure riders, the Holyfield bandwagon had to resort to discount coupons and two-for-one seats. Even after Holyfield's spirited upset, there was no sudden rush to climb aboard, and "The Real Deal" cooled what modest passion there was by retreating from the spotlight for a few months to ponder his future.

As for Moorer, a series of uneven performances and confusing career changes have combined to push him into the middle of the publicity pack even while he's hovered at the top of the ratings. Just about the time he was getting attention as a heavyweight, he dropped trainer Emanuel Steward, left the high-profile Kronk Gym, shaved his head, and went the distance with a prehistoric Bonecrusher Smith and a mediocre Mike Evans.

Moorer hasn't looked like his old self or fought like his old self in a very long time. Waiting for a title shot that is long overdue, he has been bored. And it has shown. That, combined with some poor choices of opponents (pugs, but pugs with *good chins*), has practically guaranteed uninspired showings. Lennox Lewis has gotten more mileage out of one kayo of Razor Ruddock than Moorer has from a record of 34-0 (30), but Lewis delivered when the whole world watched. Moorer has stood in ring center, yawned, and waited for his telephone to ring.

Maybe Moorer would be a bigger star and a more compelling challenger if he were easier to label. Holyfield is the nice guy, Lewis is the gentleman on a quest to make his countrymen proud, Bowe is the class clown, and Foreman is everybody's grandfather. Moorer? He'd be the assassin if only he hadn't gone the distance with these outclassed punching bags. He'd be the brain if only he didn't brawl with cops and talk about breaking a cheekbone "to see what it looks like pushed in."

He has the ability to end a fight with one punch in any round, but has been decked by the likes of Bigfoot Martin and Bert Cooper. He was wobbled at light heavyweight by Frankie Swindell. Regardless, I prefer to look at the glass jaw as half-full, and I think it will hold up against Holyfield, a champion whose punch is more screen pass that long bomb.

Moorer *will* walk away with the title on April 22. My hunch is that Holyfield's trace of uncertainty—those few weeks of flirting with retirement this winter—will be a major deciding factor against a challenger who has never cashed the $20-million paycheck, never made himself at home on *The Tonight Show* set, and never lost a fight in two divisions 40 pounds apart.

We don't know quite what goes on inside Moorer's brain. We aren't sure how much of what he says is macho rhetoric and how much is his heartfelt view of the strange world of which he is a part. But what is certain is this is the fight he wants, the opponent he wants, and without a doubt the way he wants to spend the evening of April 22. Can the same be said of Holyfield?

Throw in the fact that Moorer is a southpaw, Holyfield is an equally small heavyweight (like Moorer, having begun his career at 175 pounds), and the champion is due for a letdown, and it all adds up to a title change, some new heavyweight excitement, and the "I told you so" heard 'round the world.

Moorer wants to break a cheekbone to see what it looks like pushed in. I'd like for him to win the heavyweight championship of the world. Just to see what it looks like turned inside out. ■

THE RING'S EXCLUSIVE

PHOTO QUIZ TEST

Can you identify the fighters in these photos? Award yourself 10 points for each question you answer correctly. If you score a total of 90-100 points, consider yourself a world champion. If you score 70-8 points, you rate as a top-10 contender. If you score 50-60 points, you're a clubfighter at best. Less than 50 points? Eat another piece cheesecake and forget about that morning roadwork.

THIS MONTH: FIGHTERS WITH CLASSIC NICKNAMES

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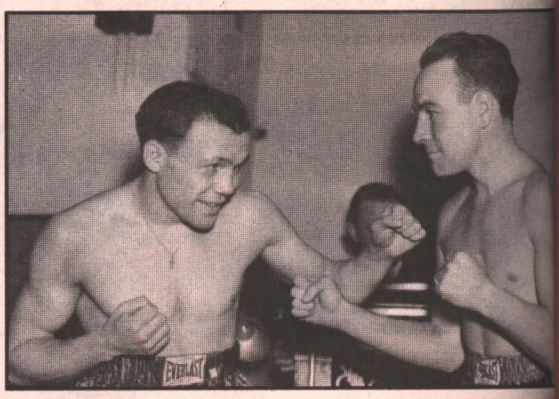
The fighter on the right is Jimmy McLarnin. His opponent was a pretty tough guy himself, and a champion, too.



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What? And he's not *bleeding*? This clubfighting heavyweight wasn't the greatest, but he did have a meaningful moment against "The Greatest."

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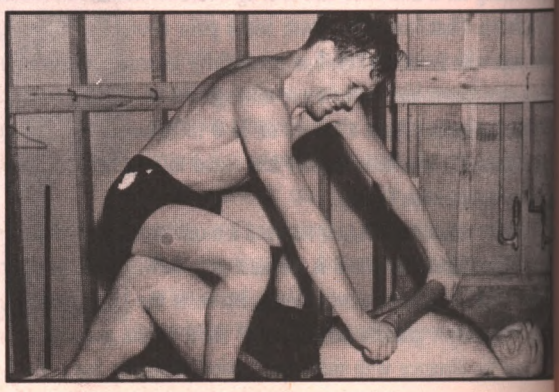
Not even the efforts of Lou Ambers were going to give this heavyweight contender a washboard stomach. No one, however, had to help him with his left hook.



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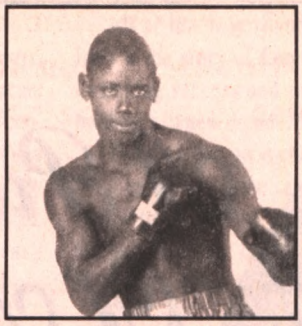
This world champion was one of the great fighters of the '30s. His fighting name was a nickname, too.



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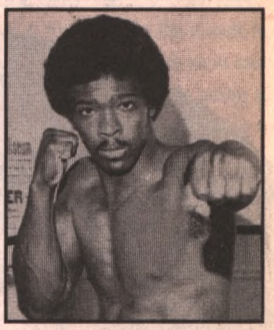
A contender at both middleweight and light heavyweight, this Californian gave Thomas Hearns a hot night in 1988.



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No, we don't know if the baby had a nickname. We do know his father was a two-division champion and, pound for pound, as tough a fighter as ever lived.

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A legend of the lighter weights, this world champion had more nicknames than any fighter of his era. Most of them were related to his incredible punching power.

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This world champion reigned into his mid-30s and fought until age 43. Hence his nickname.

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This South American was one of the first giant heavyweights. At least he was a giant for his time, which was 70 years ago.

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Not everyone can be built like Evander Holyfield. This 5'11" light heavyweight/heavyweight lost to the best of the best, including Max Schmeling, Tommy Loughran, Mickey Walker, Max Baer, and John Henry Lewis.

ANSWERS:

1) Lou Ambers ("The Herkimer Hurricane")
2) Chuck Wepner ("The Bayonne Bleeder")
3) Tony Galento ("Two-Ton Tony")
4) Kid Chocolate ("The Havana Bon-Bon")
5) James Kinchen ("The Heat")
6) Mickey Walker ("The Toy Bulldog")
7) Jimmy Wilde ("The Mighty Atom")
8) Joe Brown ("Old Bones")
9) Luis Firpo ("The Wild Bull Of The Pampas")
10) Johnny Risko ("The Cleveland Rubber Man")

FORMER CHAMP TERRY NORRIS

A Profile Of A Man In Search Of Redemption

By Ivan G. Goldman

When brothers Terry and Orlin Norris Jr. were growing up in Lubbock, Texas—two tough guys only two years apart—every once in a while they took each other on.

"The last time, I was about 14," Orlin recalls. "Dad [Orlin Sr.] just sent us out back to have it out."

So Dad refereed, right?

"No," Orlin laughs, "he left us alone." No gloves, no one to break it up. Just two brothers, *mano a mano*. It was after that battle they independently arrived at the same conclusion: Stop mixing it up together before they caused a death—or maybe two—in the family.

Says Orlin, "A lot of times I let [Terry] win just so it would be over. Because when I won, it would continue later. Know what I mean?"

Anyone who knows the Norris brothers knows what he means. For his part, Simon Brown is soon to find out.

Terry and Orlin Norris are both tigers in the ring and tireless powerhouses in the gym. But Orlin is quick to laugh and difficult to anger, a good-natured guy who always seemed more cheerful, even when he seemingly had less reason to be.

"Terry, he's more high-strung," says San Diego's Abel Sanchez, who used to train them both and now manages and trains Orlin.

Sure, Terry, 26, and Orlin, 28, are brothers who love each other. But their corners are split and quarreling. And so even though both Norrises now reside in the San Diego area, they don't see each other much anymore. Not since their worlds turned upside down.

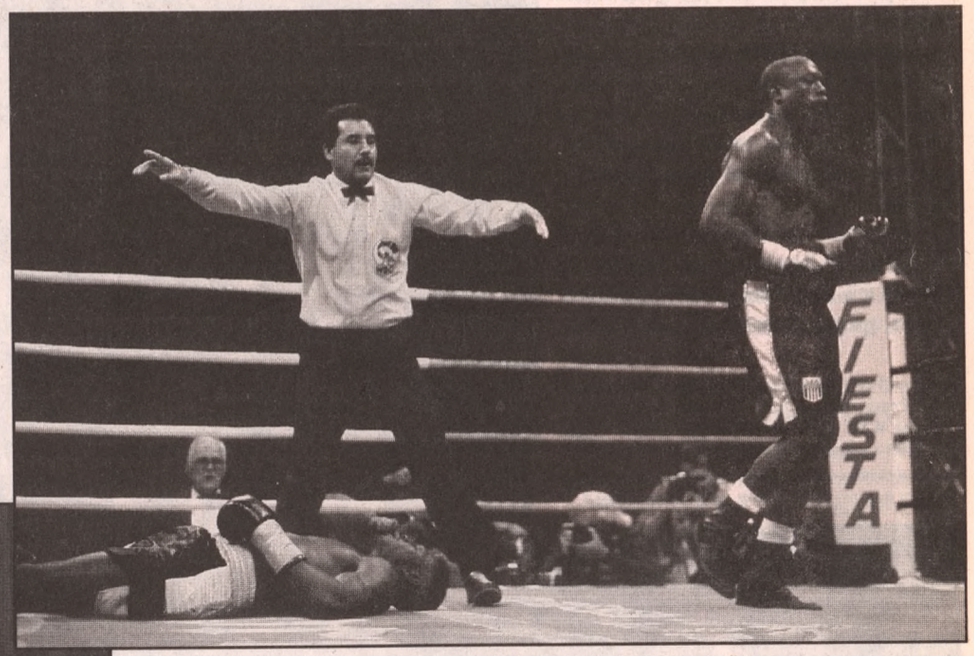
A couple of years ago Terry was high on everybody's pound-for-pound list, the WBC super welterweight champion who punched through opponents with snappy combinations that landed like artillery shells. Big brother Orlin had an okay record, but he was an unorthodox 190-pounder who carried his left down around Argentina. Struggling on undercards for chump change, Orlin was the "oh, yeah" brother, as in "Oh, yeah, Terry Norris' brother. Is he on the card, too?"

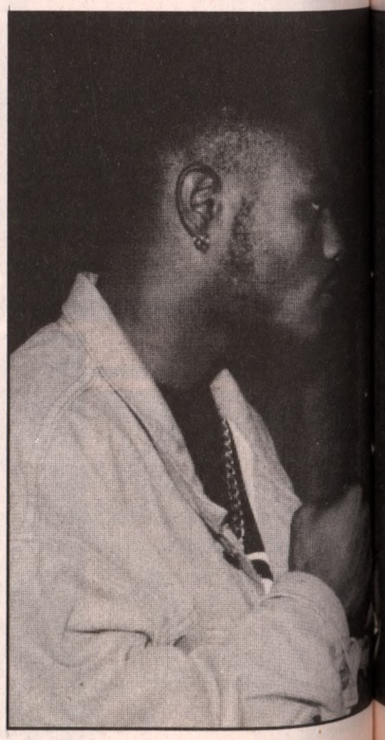
Nowadays, WBA champion Orlin Norris, who kayoed Marcelo Figueroa to win the vacant title, is looked upon as somebody who could conceivably unify the cruiserweight titles, winning attention and maybe even respect for the Rodney Dangerfield of divisions. And Terry, 36-4 (22), has been dethroned and humiliated by heavy underdog Brown. They used to whisper about Terry's chin. Now, after Brown took him out in the fourth round, they're laughing at it.

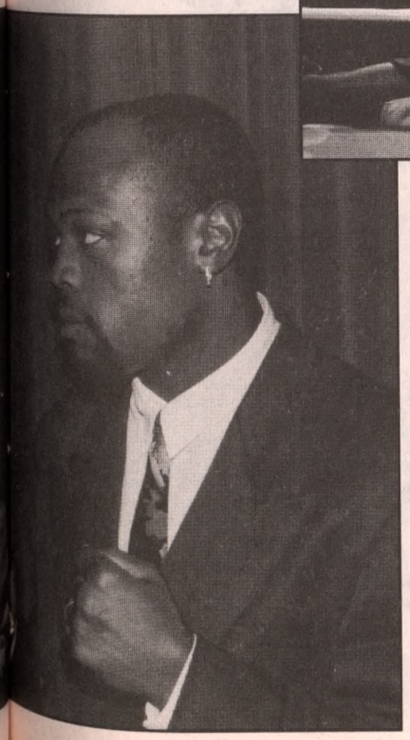
"When we were looking at moving up to middleweight," says Terry, "nobody in the division wanted to fight me. Now everybody wants to fight Terry Norris. That's one way this worked out for me."

All of this may sound just a little familiar. Isn't it the story of Leon and Michael Spinks switching success and failure, only with new brothers in a new decade? Maybe, maybe not.

There's still a good chance both Norrises can wind up on top at the same time. Terry doesn't figure to be anyone's steppingstone, and he knows how to come back from defeat. Remember, Julian Jackson put him out in the second round back in 1989.







Before Norris defended against Brown in December (below), he had little to fear. On fight night, however, he lasted less than four rounds (right).

"Before Terry got knocked out by Jackson," his manager, Joe Sayatovich, says, "I believed in him. And I believed in him afterward, too. I just said, 'That wasn't your fight. You dropped both your hands. Let's go back to the gym.' We did, and he went back to his style—make them miss, make them pay.

"I don't think there's a snowball's chance in hell Terry won't win back the title. He's never been beat up in the ring. He's never even been in a grueling slugfest. He doesn't have that 40-fight wear and tear.

"Brown was Terry's 11th title defense. People were saying he took easy fights. Three were mandatory defenses against the number-one contender, a fourth was against another number-one guy, and eight of the 11 were ranked five or above. We never went after any white tomato can out of Alabama, and we're not going to do that now."

Then he adds, "I think Terry needs to fight Simon Brown again, both mentally and monetarily. And I know he can beat him."

Says Terry's trainer, Rudy Elias, "Terry was boxing so beautiful in training. But the minute he got in the ring against Brown, he just went over and tried to put him out. I think he's going to learn a big lesson from this fight. You're going to see a different Terry Norris next time he fights."

Talking about that night, Terry eventually lapses beyond sorrow, beyond anger. He grieves, as though he lost a limb or a loved one through his own carelessness.

"It was the worst nightmare of my life," he says. "I lived it—to show up and not be able to fight. That night it happened to me. But I think I know what God was showing me. If I understand what He was telling me, and I think I do, it's going to help me.

"But I just didn't feel it that night. And Brown was so easy to hit, I got too careless. And then he caught me completely off-guard. I'm human. If you hit me right, I can be knocked out."

As he spoke, Terry was training for a tuneup against an opponent to be named later, at a place not yet decided. The plan is for a couple such tuneups and then another shot at Brown, on May 7 in Las Vegas. That, say Terry and Sayatovich, is what Don King promised.

After he defeats Brown in a rematch, Terry

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says, he might even hang up his gloves. "I'm a very rich man," he blurted out. Over and over he expressed his love of boxing. But any negative press is like a stone he can't kick loose from a boxing shoe. You get the feeling he'd almost give up the money just to be appreciated. "Reporters want to see blood," he said derisively. They want exciting fights. They want to see someone killed."

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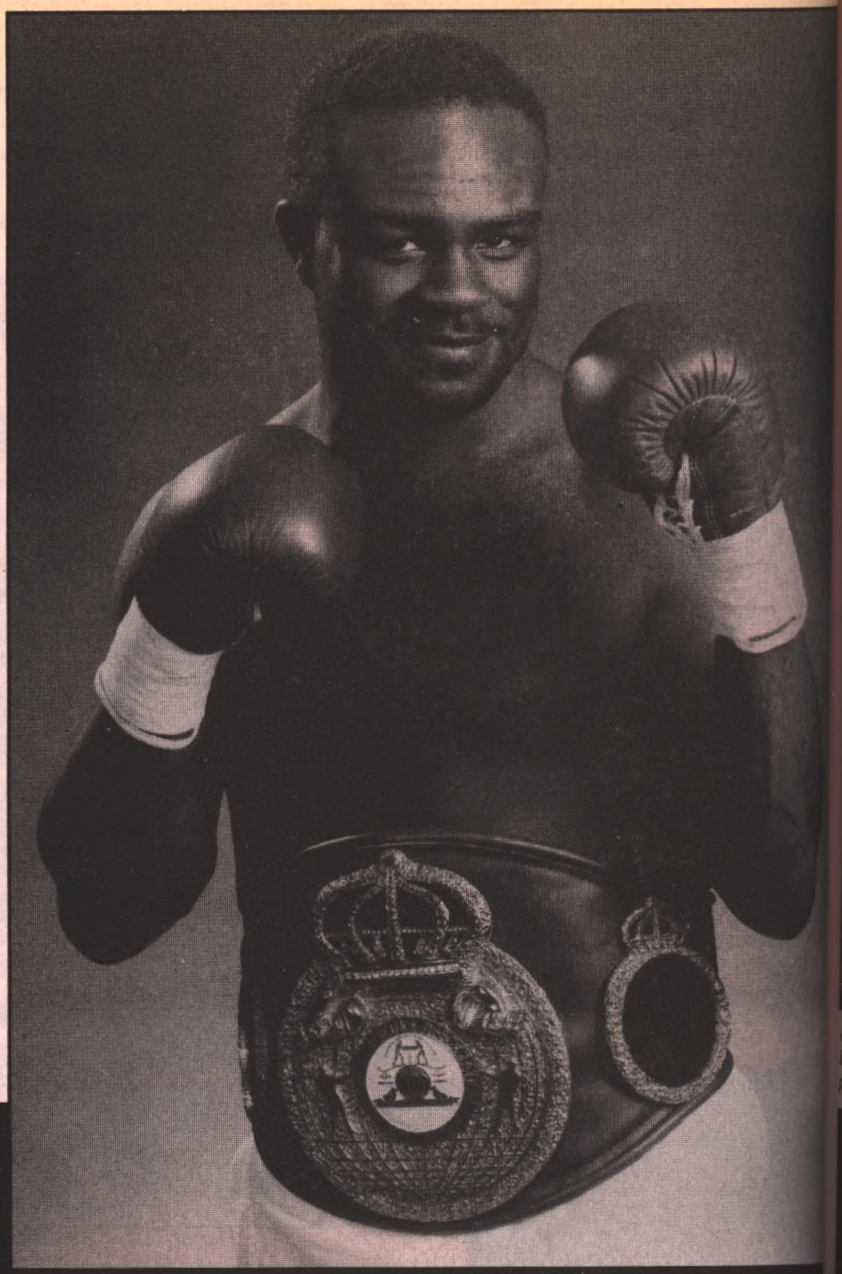
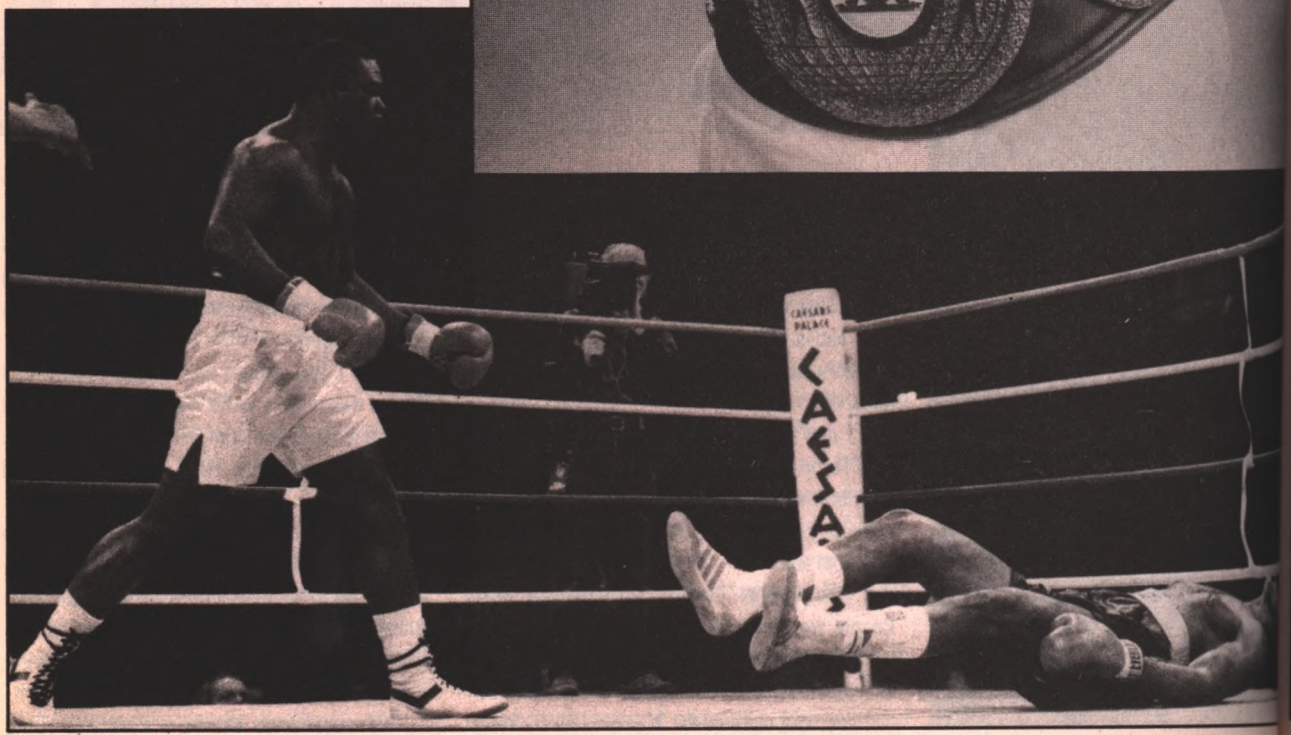
Terry Norris has never been lazy. He stays in terrific shape and has no trouble making weight. But about seven weeks before a fight he gets even more intense, moving to a training camp Sayatovich set up years ago in Campo, California, a place so forlorn and solitary it makes your average monastery look like the Las Vegas Strip.

To get there you drive east from San Diego into the high desert until you reach the end of civilization. Then you go another 20 miles and turn south through sage, cactus, rattlers, and coyotes, down a dirt road until you're just north of the Baja.

Campo tells a lot about Terry Norris. Of all the gyms in all the places in all the world, he trains in this one. There's no one around but trainers, sparring partners, and other fighters.

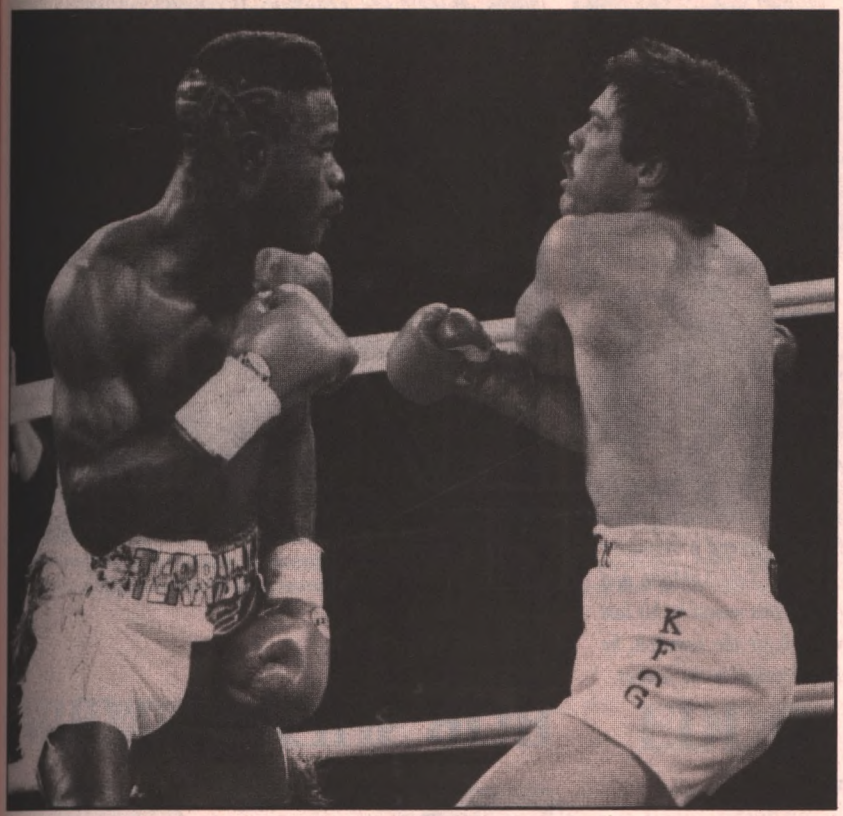


Big brother Orlin Norris Jr. won the vacant WBA cruiserweight title six weeks before Terry lost the WBC super welterweight crown. Orlin has been successful in two divisions. In 1987, he kayoed heavyweight Eddie Richardson, but a title try against Mike Tyson never materialized.



And he doesn't socialize much with any of them. Instead, Terry bunks in a private utilitarian cottage with one of those toy basketball hoops fastened to the door and a photograph of Martin Luther King on the wall. He's at home in the camp, especially the gym, but even there he doesn't say much to anyone.

To be nearer to the gym, Terry lives along the eastern, rural edge of San Diego County. It's an area where there are few blacks. If anyone wanted to find rednecks in Southern California, it would be one of the best places to look.



Above: Quickie kayos over the likes of Pat Lawlor made Norris overconfident. He tried to steamroll Brown, but fought far too carelessly. Below: The Norris brothers aren't as close as they once were, partly because trainer Abel Sanchez, who split with Terry, now handles Orlin.

Not long ago, he says, he was looking over a foreign car at a dealership. "Three white guys drive by," he said, "and they yell out, 'Nigger, buy American!' So I jump in my car and start chasing them." (Terry has a license to carry a gun in his car.)

He recalled how his mind was churning as the car chase went on, with visions of past and future. "Finally," he said, "I think, *Is this what I really want to do?* And I turned off. For a moment there, I could have ended all our lives." He said this in a kind of mournful determination.

"With a temper like mine they made a mistake giving me the [gun] license," he said, smiling briefly.

The rematch with Brown is one confrontation that won't bring mixed emotions. What does he want more, Brown or the belt? "Simon Brown," he says without hesitation. "I've already had a title."

So many people used to say he was invincible, Terry began to believe it himself. Then Troy Waters knocked him down in the second round before succumbing in the fourth. Next came Brown.

"I like it much better this way," he says with brooding determination. "I'm back where I like to be. I'll just prove myself to the world all over again."

Elias has trained Terry for his last five fights. Asked about his replacement, Sanchez says, "There are pro coaches and college coaches and high school coaches. And there's a difference."

In the Campo gym, Elias is easygoing, but he presides like a general over a stable of up-and-comers and maybe a few boxers whose best fights are behind them. When he speaks, all listen carefully, drinking in his words—Spanish here, English there, depending on who he's talking to. Measuring trainers' abilities is a subjective game at best, but it's hard to believe this man is out of his element.

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To find Orlin there are no dirt roads, and you don't need a compass. He trains every afternoon at "Murf's." Irish Spud Murphy's is a typical old-time gym in a typically seedy urbanscape of crumbling sidewalks and graffiti. The gym is a San Diego landmark, but a migratory one. Every few years it pops up at a different warehouse address as proprietor Pop Murphy backs off from relentless Yuppification and rising rents like a dancer skipping away from a determined puncher.

Orlin, 38-3 (21), has a fight coming up, too, a mandatory defense against Arthur Williams. He

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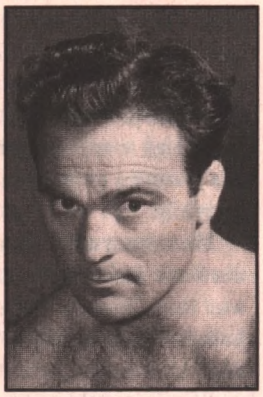
Middleweights

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of the Legends," the editors of THE RING *play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.*

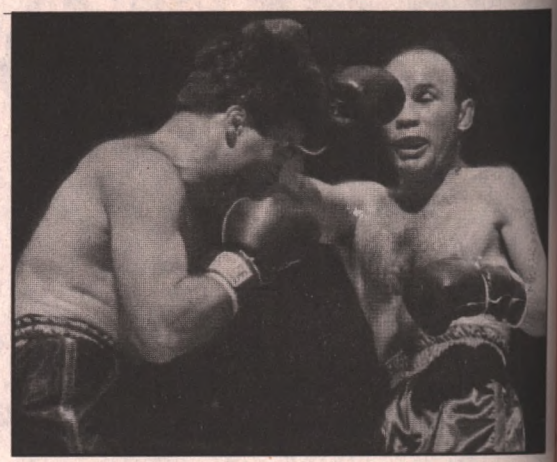
Marcel Cerdan

Casablanca, Morocco
Career: 1934-1949
105-4 with 60 kayos



Born in Morocco, Cerdan switched his boxing base to Paris early in his career and became one of France's favorite sporting heroes. The media followed the handsome, charismatic fighter's life closely—especially his love affair with torch singer Edith Piaf.

Cerdan, who won his first 45 fights, didn't make his debut in the U.S. until 1946, 12 years into his career. In 1948 he won the world middleweight crown by stopping a faded Tony Zale in 12 rounds. He suffered a shoulder injury early in his first defense against Jake LaMotta and was stopped in 10 rounds. Tragically, this would be his last fight; flying from Paris to New York for the rematch, he was killed at age 33 when his plane crashed in the Azores.



Boxing in the USA for the first time, Cerdan fires away at Georgie Abrams. Cerdan won a controversial 10-round decision.

Charley Burley

Bessemer, Pennsylvania
Career: 1936-1950
84-11-2 (1 no-contest) with 50 kayos

Arguably the best fighter never to compete for a world title, Burley had two strikes against him: He was black and he was a tremendous talent.

The 5'9½" boxer-puncher began his career as a welterweight, but because of a scarcity of willing opponents he took fights against much bigger men, even beating heavyweights.

Smooth in the ring, Burley was almost impossible to hit solidly. He beat Fritzie Zivic twice in three fights, and legend has it Zivic bought his arch-rival's contract so he wouldn't have to fight him again. Burley engaged in seven wars with tough Holman Williams and faced other great black fighters of his era, including Ezzard Charles, Jimmy Bivins, and Archie Moore. Still, a title shot never came.

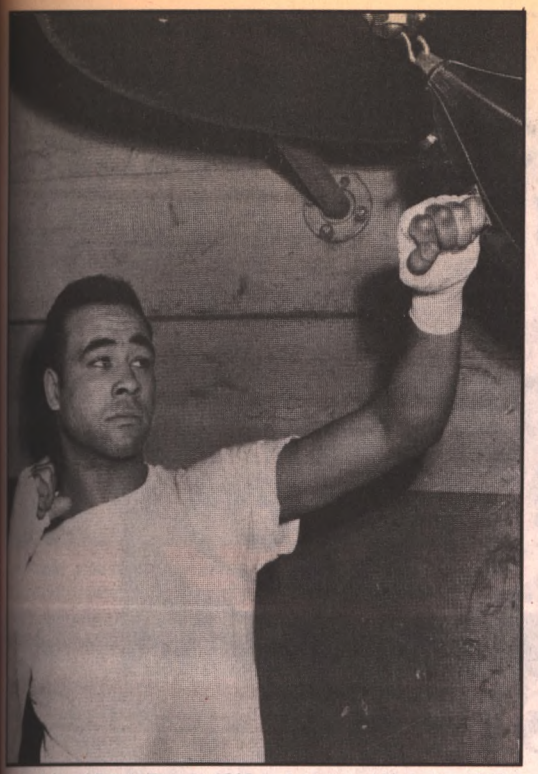
BOB SHERRICK

Burley was a great fighter—one look at him and you could tell that. I only know of one film of him, a decision win over light heavyweight Billy Smith, so I can analyze him solely on the basis of that fight. He was awkwardly clever, with tremendous head and shoulder movement. Unlike some of today's fighters who need to run from you, he could make you miss without moving his feet. He had a great, sneaky overhead right, and was also a great bodypuncher.

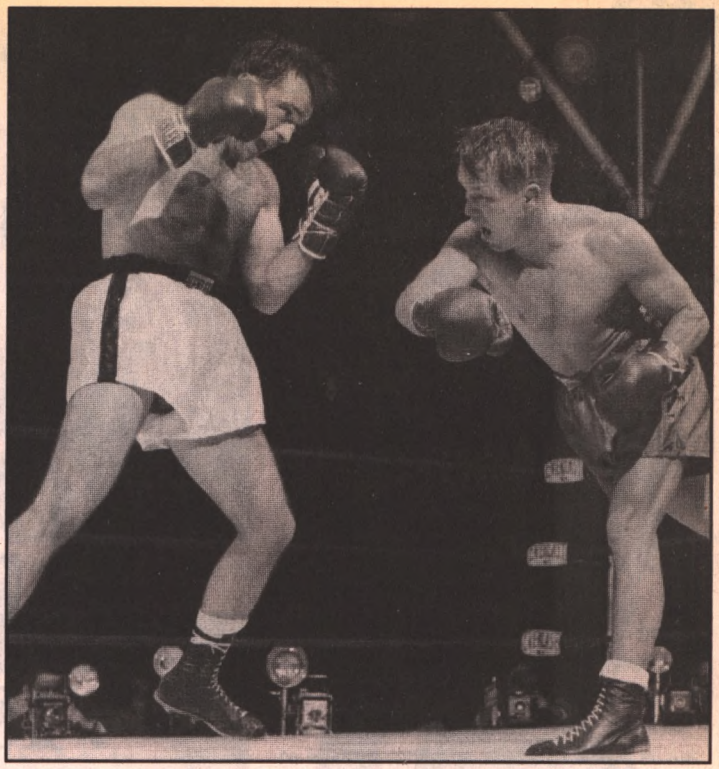
Cerdan's greatest strength was his heart. He just kept coming at you. He was a good mechanic, and by that I mean in a defensive sense. His elbows were always tight against his body and he was compact. By the time he got to the U.S. after World War II, he was maybe a little past his prime.

This is a very tough call to make, but it would certainly be one helluva fight. From what I've seen, I'd have to go with Burley, who was just too good defensively. Burley by a close but unanimous decision.

Bob Sherrick is a New York-based boxing historian and fight film collector.



Burley defeated Fritzie Zivic in 1938 and again in '39, but in 1940 it was Zivic who fought for—and won—the welterweight title.



In September 1948, Cerdan won the middleweight title by stopping a 35-year-old Tony Zale in the 12th round. He lost the crown in his first defense to Jake LaMotta.

LARRY KENT

Burley should have been called "surly." But who could blame him? No one would fight him. He was the only man I didn't want Sugar Ray Robinson to fight. He was a great defensive fighter, the best of that era. No one could hit him. He could also punch with great power in either hand, and his boxing skills were marvelous.

Cerdan died in his prime. He was a huge hit when he came over to the U.S., a real gentleman and a true professional. He resembled Harry Greb, with a windmill style of coming forward and firing punches, but he could also box if necessary. He loved to fight; he kept coming at you, and he was all arms and elbows on defense.

For the first five rounds it would be a real war, with each fighter pounding away on the inside and scoring. After that, Burley's masterful skills would take over—he always ate up those walk-in style guys. He'd be able to sharpshoot Cerdan from the outside. I see Burley winning a somewhat easy unanimous decision.

Larry Kent is a veteran trainer who has worked with, among others, Sugar Ray Robinson, Beau Jack, Jimmy Carter, Phil Terranova, and Fred Pendleton.

EDDIE FUTCH

Burley had everything you could want in a fighter. He could box and punch, and he was very clever. He didn't move around the ring a whole lot, but made punchers miss by about a half-inch and was always in position to counter. He was very precise and had great power. I know that when he knocked out J.D. Turner in 1942, Turner weighed over 215 pounds and Burley weighed just 152.

Cerdan was a complete fighter as well. He could outbox the boxers and outfight the fighters. He had good power in both hands, but didn't win with quick knockouts. I would equate him with a Carlos Monzon, wearing people out for the later rounds.

Burley would have too much of everything. The fighters who beat him were always bigger, usually light heavyweights. Burley wouldn't have kayoed Cerdan, who might have given him trouble from time to time with his forward style. Still, I like Burley by unanimous decision.

Eddie Futch trains, among others, former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe. He is generally regarded as one of the top two or three trainers of all-time. ■

HE PUT OUT SUGAR RAY ROBINSON'S FIRE

The RING VISITS

PAUL PENDER

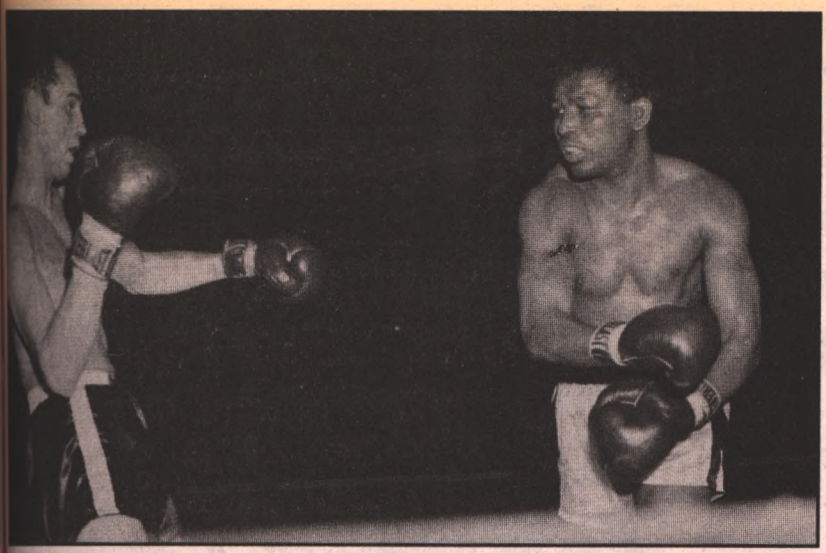
By Robert Cassidy

When Babe Wood heard his fighter reciting Shakespeare, he knew it was going to be a good day.

It was late-October in Boston, and the breeze off the Atlantic brought a stinging nip to the air. The leaves had already gone through their colorful metamorphosis, and Fenway Park was vacant as another Autumn Classic was set to play in another city. Among the sports news of the day, locally, anyway, was the annual Veteran Boxers Association dinner, and Wood's fighter was the guest of honor.

Wood had been in the man's corner during his prime and remains there today. T play golf during the summer and commis during the winter about the mound of snow th been dropped on their green course. The fig the cornerman, and their wives meet once a for breakfast. The fighter's world champion belt, issued by THE RING in 1960, sits in a ca Wood's house and is displayed only for visi

The fighter is Paul Pender, an intellectua controversial former world middleweight ch pion. As a youth, Pender approached boxing ambivalence, unsure whether to accept on several college football scholarships or to pu the fast money boxing could provide. He m



After Pender won the world middleweight title by dethroning the legendary Sugar Robinson in January 1960 (above), he was unofficially crowned by wife Rose (below).

his decision and became both a calculated boxer and businessman. Pender said then, and still says today, that he fought only for the money.

Pender attended the Stately College of the Spoken Word in his hometown of Brookline, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. In his prime he delighted in baffling journalists with an expansive vocabulary or humoring them with verses of Shakespeare. At prefight press conferences, he offered articulate dissertations on why he'd win. It was an educated man's version of trash talk.

The advancement of age and the accumulation of punches—in this case even those accrued by a nifty defensive fighter—have left Pender struggling against Alzheimer's disease. At 63, his memory has good days and bad days. When he can quote Shakespeare, it's a good day.

"Oh, he was in a chipper mood that day," Pender's daughter Roseanne said of the VBA dinner. "We were singing songs together that morning."

A longtime member of Ring 4, Boston's chapter of the VBA, Wood proudly introduced his fighter at the 46th annual dinner-dance. When Pender split with manager Johnny Buckley after winning the title in 1960, Wood became his adviser, confidant, and chief second. Today, he is still very protective of the former fighter. When he senses Pender is having a bad day, Wood shields him from reporters or other potential problems. Having already heard Shakespeare, he allowed a reporter to approach Pender at the Ring 4 dinner.

"I'm concerned about him," said Wood. "We've been together for 40 years. He's part of me."

With that established, Wood pauses before speaking again, struggling with the frustration that has added an unforeseen dimension to the lives of the cornerman and the fighter. Suddenly, he blurts it out. He is angered and hurt by his statement. The words exit his mouth with the swiftness of a left-right combination: "I'm no doctor, but I still say most fighters will end up like that. How many concussions can the human head take?"

Wood, a spry 78-year-old who greets visitors with a vice-like handshake, is said to have engaged in more than 100 pro bouts. He fought prelims underneath Jack Sharkey when the former heavyweight king was the toast of Beantown. However, he defies his own theory. Wood's mind is sharp, his recall excellent. He is prone to joke-telling, yet the plight of Pender gnaws at him. He is akin to a parent grieving the misfortune suffered by one of his or her children.

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Boston is divided into distinctly separate cliques. There is South Boston, the North End, Roxbury, Mattipan. It is a big city made up of small neighborhoods in which the residents display a regal loyalty to one another. Such behavior gives it a cozy, small-town quality. But no matter what part of the city one hails from, Bostonians are proud of being Bostonians. They observe tradition, whether it involves sports or the city's role in U.S. history. There are constant reminders of both.

There is Plymouth Rock, Paul Revere's jaunt through the night, and the Tea Party, and the U.S.S. Constitution, the world's oldest fully commissioned warship, is docked in Boston. There is Harvard, the Kennedys (emotions vary), and Cheers, which the locals refer to by its real name,

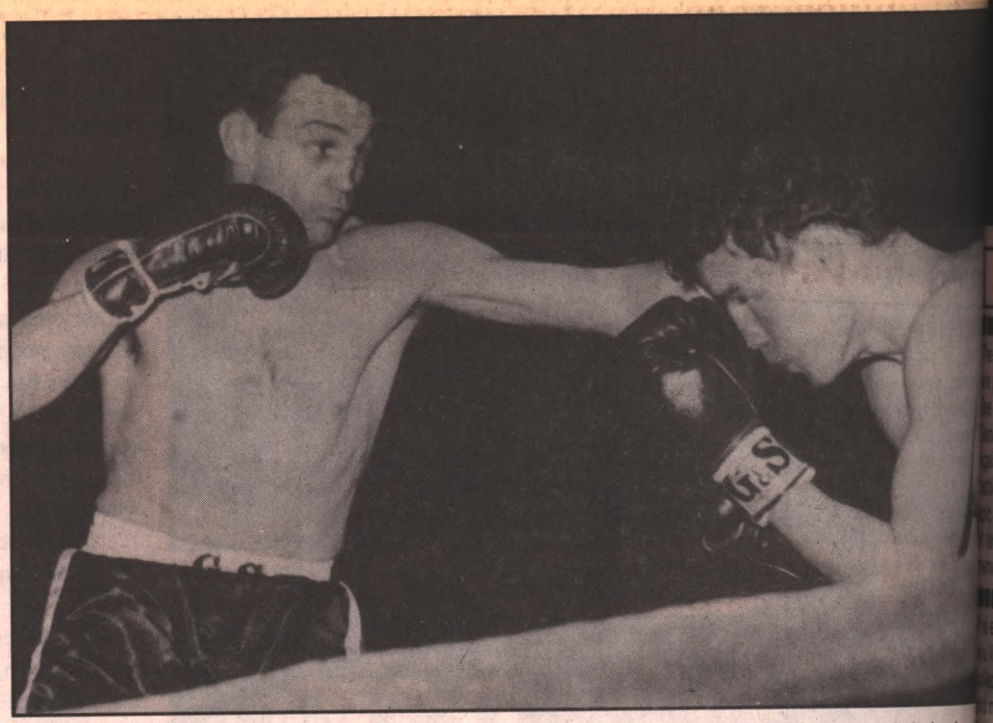
The Bull and Finch Pub.

There is sports: the Marathon, the Green Monster, the parquet floor, and Red Auerbach's cigar.

There are heroes: Ted Williams, Bobby Orr, Doug Flutie, Carl Yastrzemski, Phil Esposito, Jim Rice, and now Nancy Kerrigan. Not to mention Bob Cousy, Bill Russell, John Havlicek, Larry Bird, and 16 NBA titles.

And a long, long time ago there was boxing.

It started with heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan, "The Boston Strongboy," who at the turn of the century could lick any man in the house. The city was also home to lesser-known champions of the same era. Paddy Duffy held the welterweight title in 1888. Bill "Honey" Melody wore the same crown in 1906 after beating the original Joe Walcott. He passed it on to Boston neighbor Mike "Twin" Sullivan.



Only a handful of fighters have ended their careers with a victory in a world title fight. In Pender's last bout, he regained the 160-pound crown by outpointing England's Terry Downes in April 1962.

Sharkey, who was voted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame this year, was more a folk hero than a revered champion. He fought in Boston as a young pro and as an aging sideshow, but spent his prime battling in New York. His first try at the title came in 1930, and he was disqualified for hitting Max Schmeling low. Two years later he was rematched with Schmeling and won the title by disputed decision. The controversy would heighten at the next fight. Primo Carnera, a limited fighter Sharkey had already defeated, knocked out the Bostonian in six rounds. There was speculation that Sharkey took a dive, but he has forever denied the allegation.

Shortly after Sharkey's reign came the Golden Age, and the glory reached all the way to Boston's cobblestoned streets.

In New England, the era began with Boston Sal Bartolo. He lost twice to Willie Pep in the second time for the world featherweight title at Boston's Braves Field. A year later, he captured the NBA 126-pound belt and offered Bluebloods a glimpse of the cauliflowered that was to come.

When Bartolo retired in 1949, Rocky Marciano, from Brockton, Massachusetts, was 12-0 (12). The Rock fought many of his fights in Providence, Rhode Island, and while this ferocious puncher quickly spread his Boston. As heavyweight champion, Marciano was immensely popular worldwide. He fought in Boston just twice in his entire career, but didn't matter. The city claimed him.

In 1955, Marciano was on top of the world and Tony DeMarco, a gutsy left-hooker from North End, won the world welterweight title

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Pender (center) was honored at a Veteran Boxers Association dinner in October 1993. Left: Mickey Finn, President of Ring 4. Right: Babe Wood, Pender's cornerman, confidant, and best friend.

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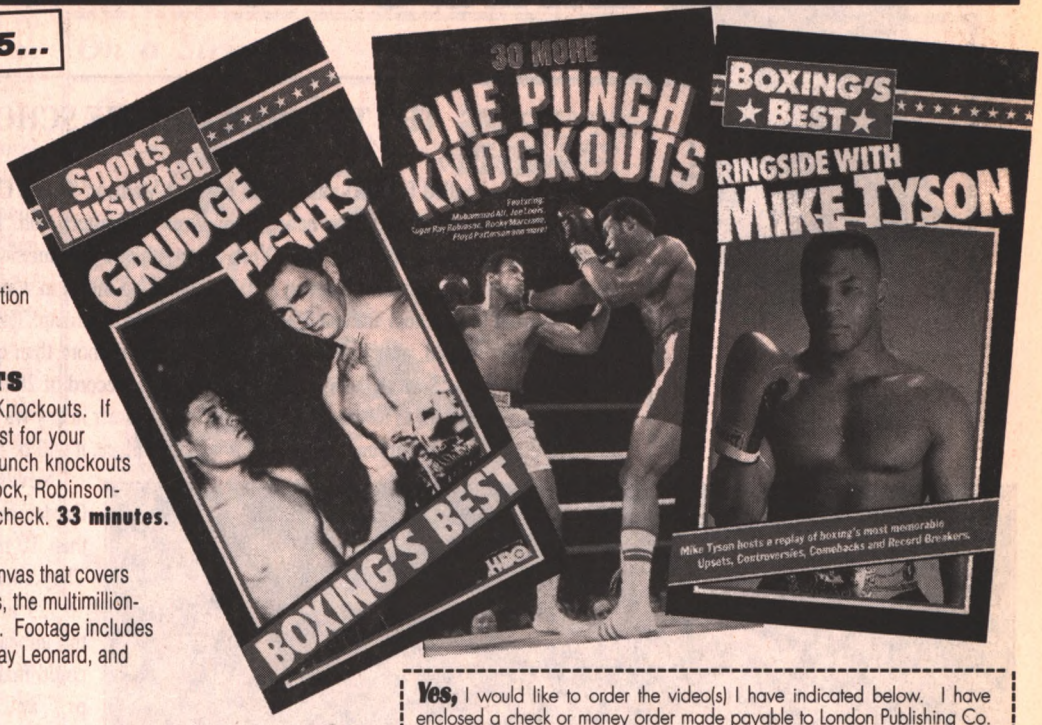

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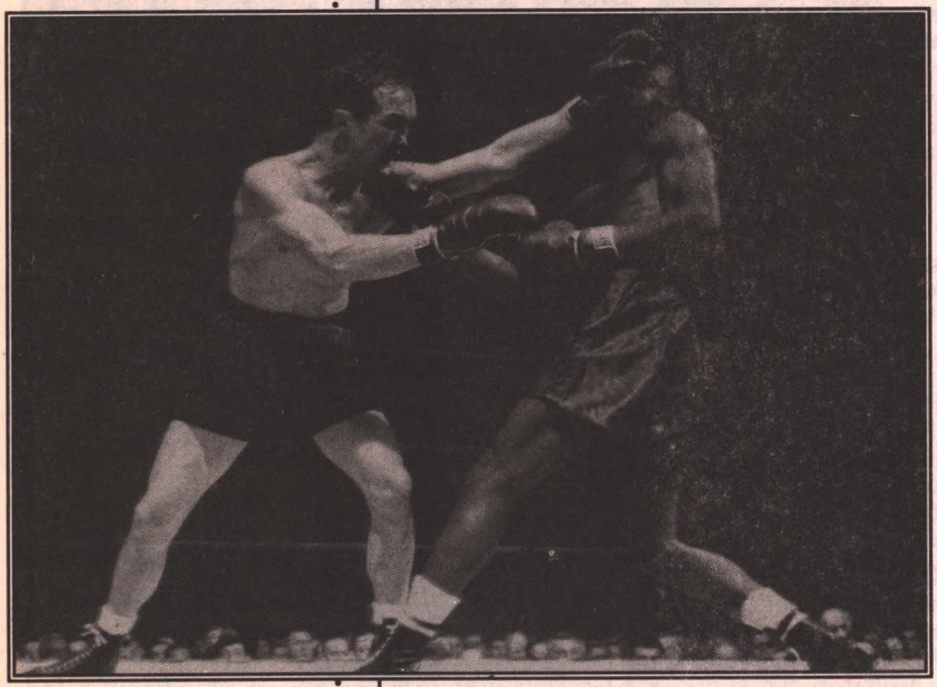
THE TEACHER AND THE SCHOOLBOY

(January 5, 1945)

The contract called for a 10-round main event at Madison Square Garden. The advance publicity said so, and it was clearly stated in the newspapers. Even the posters read "Fritzie Zivic vs. Billy Arnold—10 rounds." But the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, Gen. John J. Phelan, had other ideas. "I cannot, in good faith, sanction a 10-round boxing match in which one of the contestants would be an 18-year-old high school student," fumed the stern, old chairman. The Garden promoters issued a bitter protest: "Billy Arnold, although only 18 years of age, is more than qualified to engage in a 10-round boxing match in the State of New York. His perfect ring record of 28 knockouts in 31 bouts is more than enough justification not to restrict his highly promising career in any way, for any reason."

Gen. Phelan held his ground: "If this fight is to take place, it will be limited to *eight* rounds."



Never before had a Madison Square Garden main event been scheduled for less than 10 rounds. Would the public buy it? They sure did. A near-capacity crowd of 16,923 turned out to see for themselves if the unbeaten Philadelphia high school kid could make his 32nd victim the tough old pro and former world welterweight champion Zivic. Fritzie, a corporal in the Air Force, was based in Texas. He had received special permission from the military to fight. When told the bout would be only an eight-rounder, Zivic, six months short of his 31st birthday and with about 100 fights under his belt, including eight Garden main events, quipped to his trainer, Freddie Fierro, "My career is running in reverse."

But from the opening bell, 3-1 underdog Zivic was running in overdrive—full-speed ahead. There wasn't a trick—or a foul—in the book Zivic had not mastered, and it appeared he was determined to teach all of them to his young foe in the very first round. Four times in round one referee Arthur Donovan warned Zivic for, in chronological order, butting, gouging, rubbing the laces of his open glove across Arnold's eyes *(see photo)*, and rabbit-punching. Poor Billy appeared ready to cry as he looked pleadingly toward his corner for advice.

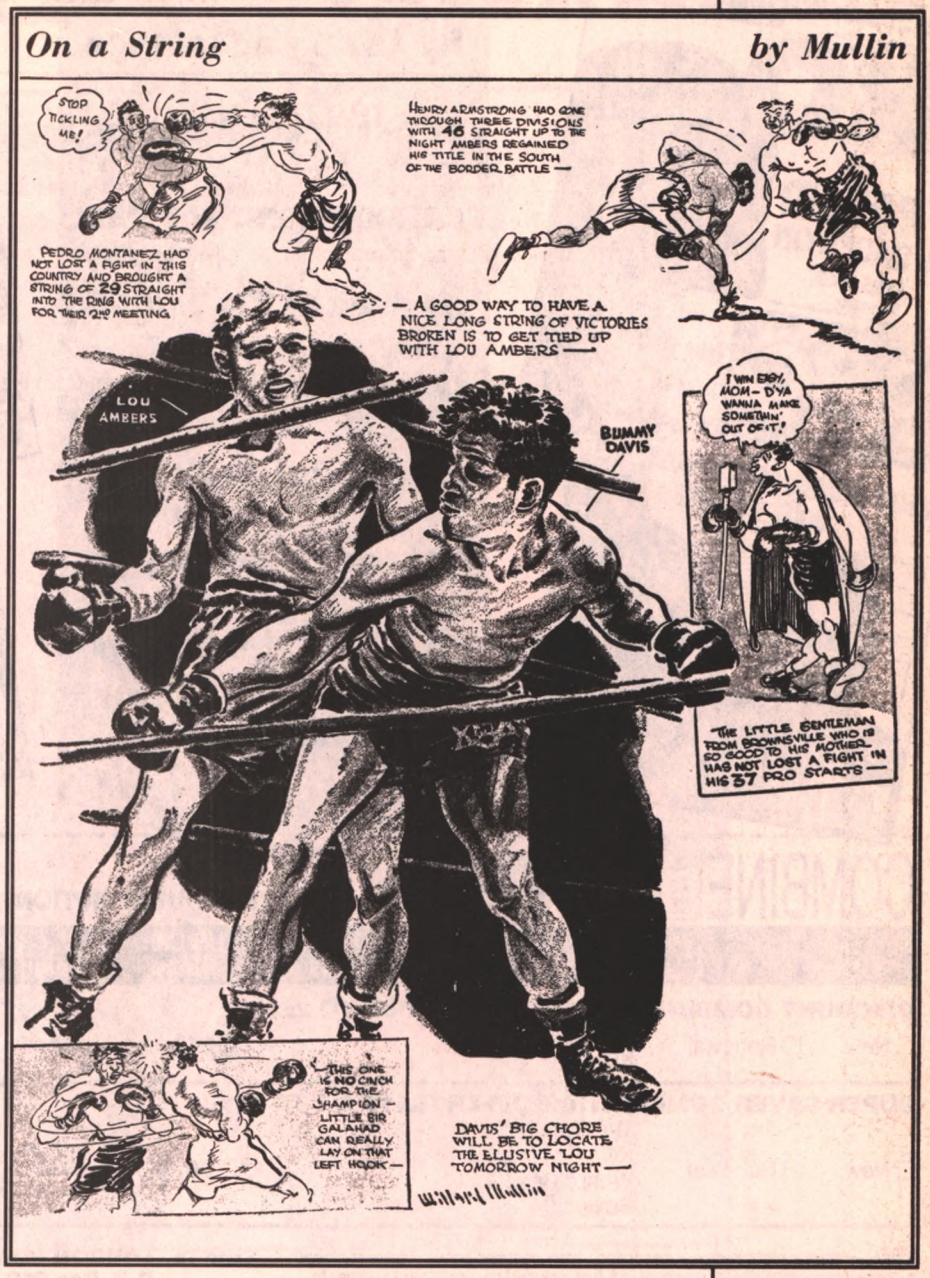
Arnold's moment of glory came in the third round, when he rocked the old pro with a riveting left hook to the jaw. Fritzie did what instinct dictated: clinch and slam the top of his head up under Billy's chin.

When the decision was announced in Zivic's favor, the crowd, which had been solidly behind him from the outset, gave the old soldier a rousing ovation. Fritzie's career was far from over. He was to have 40 more fights before finally calling it a career in 1949. As for Arnold, that first defeat was devastating. Two months later he was knocked out by Rocky Graziano in three rounds. That was the fight that rocketed Graziano to top middleweight contender status. Although Billy plodded on for three more years, he never again displayed his former brilliance, and what had seemed certain to be one of the most promising boxing careers of the '40s fizzled into oblivion.

BOXER vs. SLUGGER CLASSIC

(February 23, 1940)

The magic pen of a great cartoonist can do what photographs cannot: focus in on the very essence of a situation, capturing the pathos and humor, pinpointing background details, and, when relevant, projecting the future. When master cartoonist Willard Mullin sat down at his drawing board on the morning of February 22, 1940, his purpose was to express his views of the forthcoming non-title fight between Lou Ambers and Al "Bummy" Davis, scheduled for the following night at Madison Square Garden.



This was the classic pairing of boxer vs. slugger, and the enormous public interest it generated startled even dour Garden promoter Mike Jacobs, who, when told 24 hours before ring time, "the joint is sold out," didn't believe it and ordered a recount.

Regarded as the finest boxer alive, Ambers held the world lightweight championship. By contrast, Davis didn't know a jab from an uppercut. He didn't have to. All he needed or cared about was his left hook, a lethal weapon that paralyzed 22 opponents and kept him undefeated, and revoltingly arrogant, after 37 professional encounters. Despite a weight advantage of 7½ pounds (146½-139), and an edge in youth (21 years to 26), Davis climbed into the ring a 2-1 underdog.

Willard Mullin's superb cartoon points out that Ambers has a history of snapping long win streaks. Pedro Montanez had racked up 29 in a row before Lou thumped him, but good. And that the remarkable Henry Armstrong "had gone through three divisions with 46 straight up to the night Ambers regained his [lightweight] title ..." But Mullin also warned, "This one is no cinch for the champion—Little Sir Galahad can really lay on that left hook."

Everybody agreed that if Davis were to win, he would have to knock out the champion. But to do it, he would have to solve the titlist, even if only for a few seconds, or long enough to penetrate Ambers' flawless defense and elusiveness with that stick of dynamite in his left glove. Mullin's cartoon went a step further. In the beautifully drawn centerpiece of the cartoon, he showed a thoroughly confused and helpless Davis hanging over the ropes after being spun around by Lou, who patiently waits for Al to "find" him. It was as if Mullin had drawn his cartoon *after* the fight instead of the day before; in the fourth, sixth, and eighth rounds, the fighters were in this exact position. Mullin also correctly predicted, "Davis' big chore will be to locate the elusive Lou tomorrow night."

Davis managed to "locate" Ambers only once in the 10-round fight. That was in the second round, when Lou was nailed with a roundhouse right to the chin. A shattering followup hook caught the champion a bit high on the cheek, but enough to make his knees sag. For a moment, Ambers clinched. Then he was his old, artful self again. The second turned out to be the only round in the Al Davis win column.

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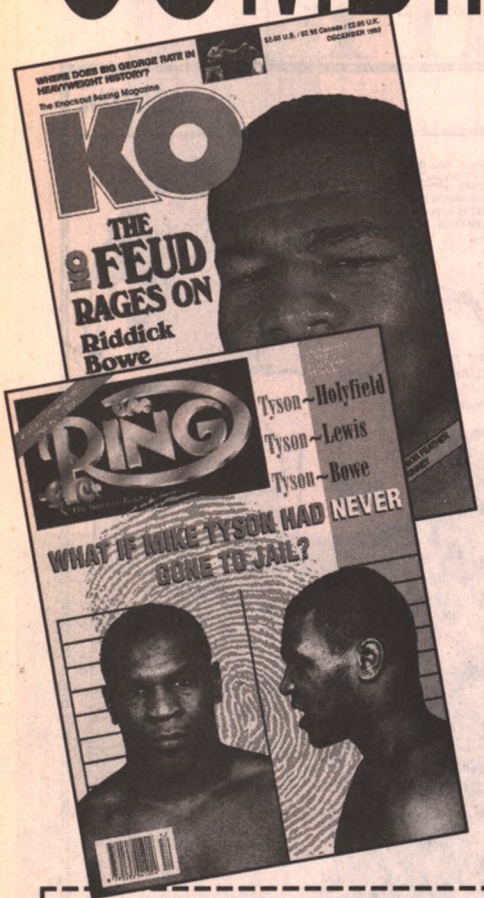

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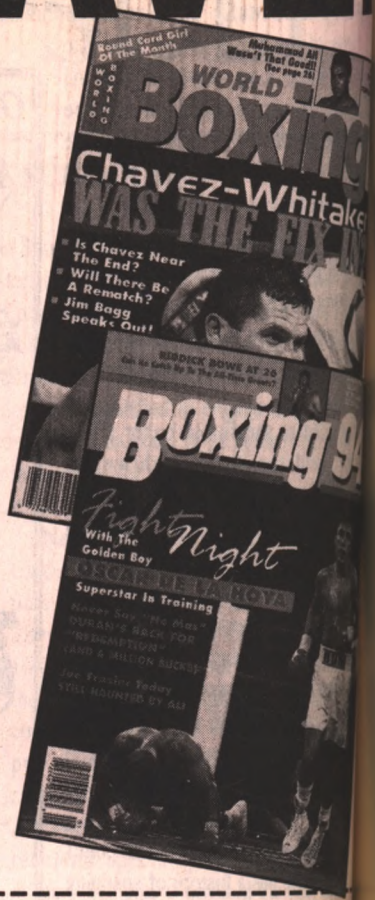

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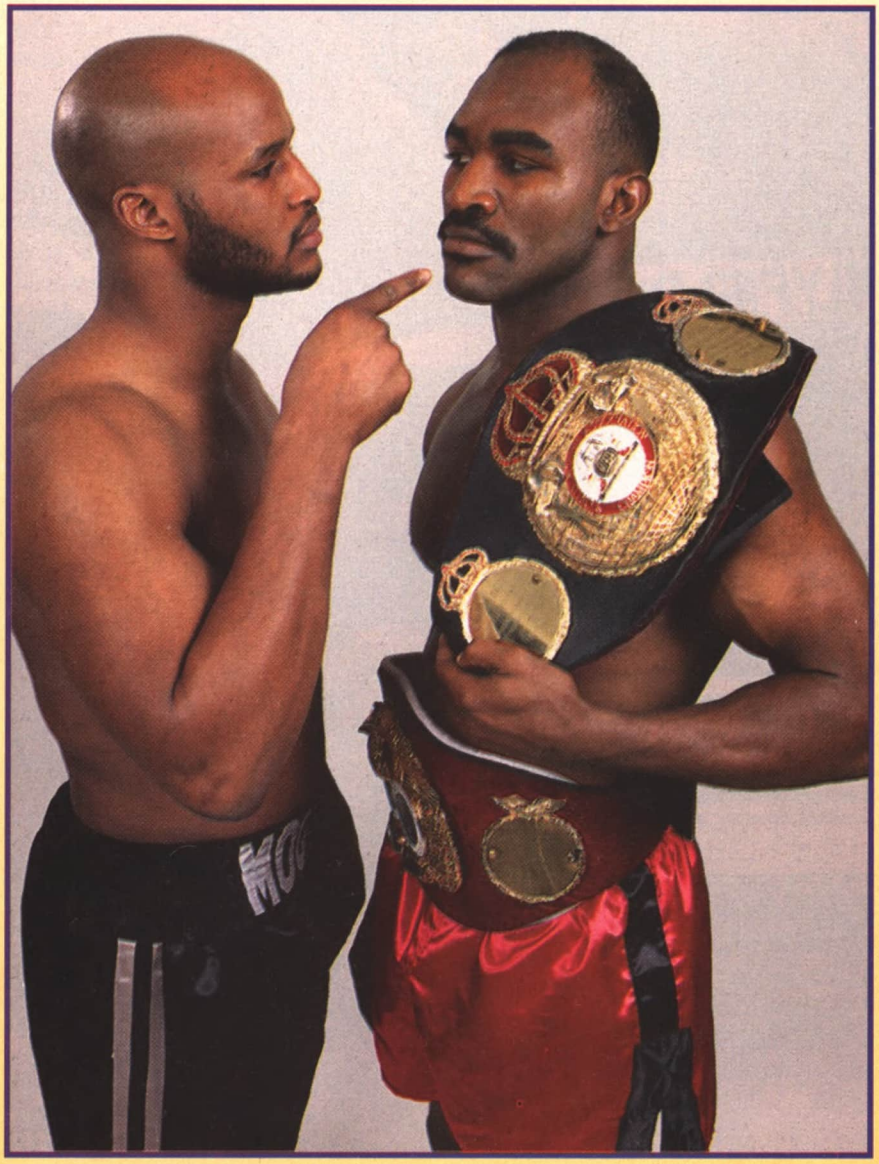

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Will You Get The Bang For Your Bucks?

By Nigel Collins

It's April 22, and you've plunked down either $34.95 (for TVKO's pay-per-view broadcast) or $700 (for a ringside seat at Caesars Palace) to watch Evander Holyfield defend the WBA/IBF heavyweight titles against Michael Moorer. You deliberated long and hard before parting with your hard-earned cash, but in the end, you caved in and anteed up. Sure, you could have waited and read about the fight in the next day's newspaper, but if you're a hard-core fan, you wanted to see it live. Anyway, it's too late now to worry about the money you've shelled out. Moorer is already in the ring, and Holyfield is making his entrance to the deafening roar of

Both Holyfield and Moorer have engaged in back-alley brawls and forgettable stinkers. Bert Cooper brought out the warrior in each fighter. Moorer stopped "Smokin' Bert" in five rounds in 1992 (right). Holyfield halted Cooper in seven rounds in 1991 (above). Cooper, however, dropped both fighters.

the sellout crowd of more than 15,000. But even with the moment of truth so close at hand, you're still not sure if your money has been well-spent. Is it going to be a slugfest or a stinker? In the last few minutes leading up to the first bell, your mind drifts back to diametrically opposite performances from both fighters ...

• November 4, 1989—Undefeated heavyweight contenders Holyfield and Alex Stewart collide in a pier-six brawl. Both abandon defense and take turns abusing each other for eight rounds before a gory cut prevents Stewart from continuing. Nobody leaves the arena or flips off his TV set feeling cheated. It is the sort of electrifying stuff that has fans salivating for more.

• May 15, 1992—Moorer survives two early knockdowns and battles back to stop erratic Bert Cooper in the fifth round of a savage melee. The action is so spine-tingling that Valium replaces caffeine as the deadline writers' drug of choice.

• June 26, 1993—Former champion Holyfield, making his first start since losing the title to Riddick Bowe, needs an impressive outing to help sell a rematch. What better way than renewing hostilities with Stewart? Just put them together again and watch the plasma fly. Unfortunately, after a promising start, Holyfield & Stewart turn into Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Twelve stupefying rounds later, Holyfield is declared the unanimous decision winner, but by then nobody cares.

• December 4, 1993—Moorer takes a sharp bout with journeyman Mike Evans. His opportunity to shine is wasted when the s

paw pecks and paws his way to a pedestrian decision. Maybe those hefty step-aside checks weighed him down.

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You're never quite sure what to expect when Holyfield, 30-1 (22), and Moorer, 34-0 (30), step into the ring. And now they're stepping in together, which magnifies their inconsistent performances. Viewers may be rewarded with an unbelievable war, a tepid tap dance, or a monotonous wrestling match. We're forced to consider not only who will win, but whether or not it will be a good fight.

Holyfield is easier to figure. Besides the rematch with Stewart, the only time they had to hunker down was after his defense against Larry Holmes. Usually, "The Real Deal" is totally committed, willingly sacrificing all in quest of victory. The Holmes and Stewart bouts must be viewed as aberrations, brought on more by circumstance than sloth.

He was caught between styles in the Stewart rematch, testing the slug-a-little-box-a-little method he later used to regain the title. Holmes, probably the craftiest boxer Holyfield has ever faced, fought to survive. And after an elbow accidentally opened Holyfield's eyebrow, the defending champion saved himself for bigger occasions by doing just enough to insure victory.

Moorer, on the other hand, has produced a surprising number of humdrum outings for a fighter once considered a lethal knockout machine. An examination of his record reveals 22 of Moorer's kayos came during his days as a light heavyweight, when he was a genuine terror. Since he moved up to heavyweight, four opponents, Mike "The Giant" White, Bigfoot Martin, Bonecrusher Smith, and Evans, stuck around to hear the final bell.

The Smith fight was particularly revealing. Outside of Cooper and Stewart, whom Moorer stopped in four rounds after a few scary moments, Bonecrusher was the closest thing to a legitimate heavyweight contender on the southpaw's record. And even that's a stretch. But Smith's creaking credentials aside, he was still a step up from most of the names that litter Moorer's log.

At first, Moorer went after Smith, but when his decrepit adversary punched back with authority during an early exchange, the unbeaten contender quickly adopted a more prudent approach. The bout wasn't half over before boos, which have become increasingly familiar at Moorer's fights, filled the venue.

There's little doubt about Moorer's physical equipment. The 6′1″ left-hander has a thunderous punch, fine boxing skills, and, when he's in shape, adequate stamina. Most of his problems seem to be psychological, stemming from the same inner rage that fuels his furious combinations. His hair-trigger temper has led to several brushes with the law, and his less than dedicated training habits have frustrated such quality trainers as Emanuel Steward, George Benton, and Lou Duva. Teddy Atlas is the man charged with the ordeal of preparing Moorer for the Holyfield fight.

"I won't lie to you, we've had some problems," said Atlas, who first trained Moorer for the Evans fight.

A disciple of the late Cus D'Amato, Atlas specializes in dissecting his fighters' psyches. If anyone can press the right buttons to motivate Moorer and help him achieve his full potential, it's Atlas.

"Michael's difficulties come from his insecurities and lack of discipline," Atlas said. "He's a very emotional person. Before, when problems came up in training, his answer was to bolt camp. This resulted in many uninspired fights. He wasn't in shape, but his instincts took over and

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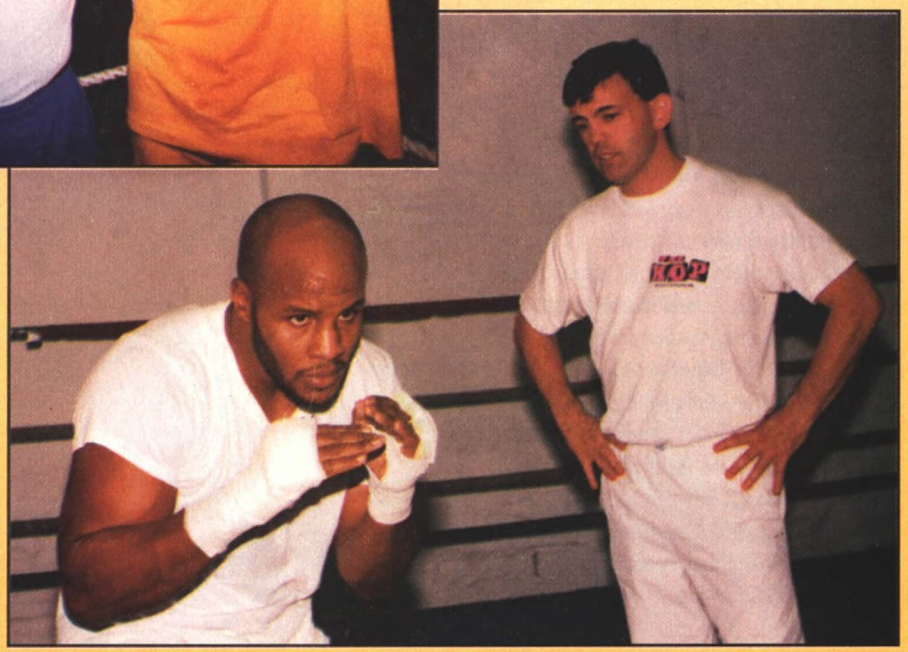
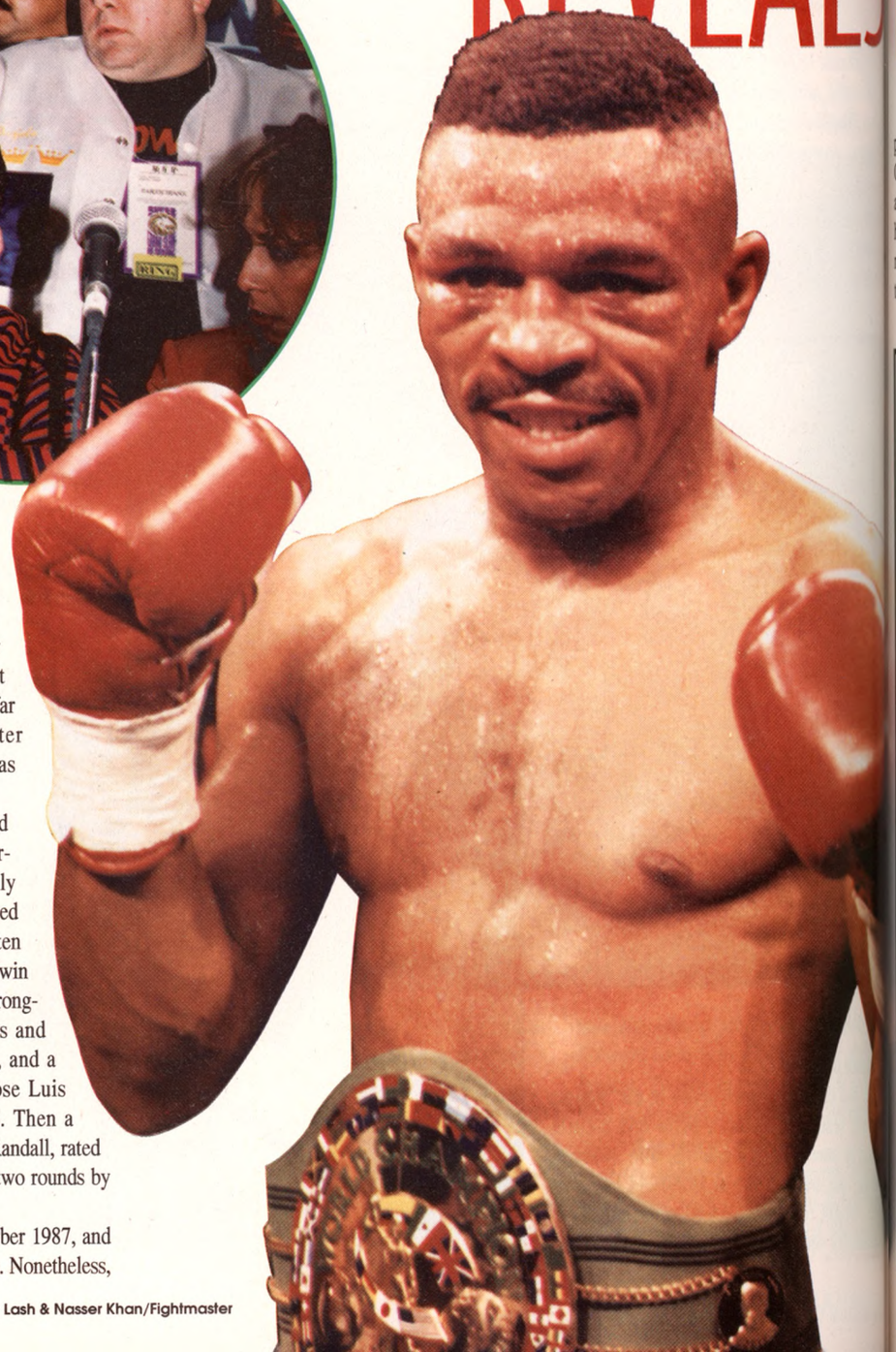


For two fights, Holyfield joined the Kronk gym's Emanuel Steward and Thomas Hearns (above). A dispute over money, however, resulted in the champion switching to trainer Don Turner. Like Holyfield, Moorer has frequently changed trainers. Now he's working with Cus D'Amato disciple Teddy Atlas (right), who stresses psychological preparation.

Frankly **Speaking**

RANDALL REVEALS HOW HE BEAT CHAVEZ

The members of Chavez' entourage were not accustomed to seeing "J.C. Superstar" marked by the wounds of war. "It was a tough, hard fight," said Randall.



On January 29, Frankie Randall scored a split 12-round decision over defending WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez. As far as upsets go, it rivaled Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson; Chavez was unbeaten in 90 fights.

Randall's road has been filled with potholes big enough to overturn a tractor-trailer. After a highly successful amateur career, he turned pro in 1983 and remained unbeaten until losing a close decision to Edwin Rosario in 1985. He rebounded strongly, knocking out Sammy Fuentes and drawing with Freddie Pendleton, and a shot at lightweight champion Jose Luis Ramirez was all but guaranteed. Then a tuneup fight turned into disaster: Randall, rated first by the WBC, was crushed in two rounds by Mexico's Primo Ramos.

The Ramos fight came in October 1987, and the boxer-puncher hasn't lost since. Nonetheless, advancement was painstakingly slow. Part of the problem was his own: In 1989, Randall was convicted of selling cocaine in his hometown of Morristown, Tennessee. He spent 22 months in jail.

Since returning to the ring in March 1991, Randall has won nine bouts. Fighting under the promotional banner of Don King, he became Chavez' mandatory challenger in May 1993, after gaining revenge against Rosario. Despite his impressive record, Randall was given almost no chance against Chavez. He climbed through the ropes a 17-1 underdog and proceeded to not only outbox the Mexican legend, but outfight him as well.

Shortly after his unexpected victory, Randall spoke with Editor-in-Chief Steve Farhood. He didn't seem particularly affected by his newfound status. At the end of their talk, boxing's newest star asked Farhood if he could fly to New York City and pose for some color pictures.

Any time, Frankie. Lunch is on us. Mexican food sound okay?

THE RING: Lots of fighters who've scored huge wins like yours come back with disappointing performances because they fail to keep things in perspective. Your next fight will be a rematch with Chavez. Why will you be different?

Frankie Randall: I'm a much more sound person than I used to be. I've matured, I've changed, and I know my career's on the edge. I'm older and I have responsibilities in life I have to maintain. I'm the kind of guy, I love to train. I love my job. I don't cut no corners no matter who the person's gonna be. I know he's gonna be in just as good a shape as I'm gonna be next time, so I know what I'm looking for-

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"THE SURGEON'S" OPERATION

Las Vegas, Nevada: A 17-1 underdog, Frankie "The Surgeon" Randall, 140, Warren, Ohio, via Morristown, Tennessee, scored the biggest upset since Douglas-Tyson via split 12-round decision over defending WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez, 140, Culiacan, Mexico, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

For the 31-year-old Chavez, it was a shocking loss. He climbed through the ropes unbeaten in 90 bouts and hoped to continue his run to the magic 100. This was his 13th defense of a title he won in May 1989, and his second championship bout since struggling to a controversial draw vs. Pernell Whitaker last September. Randall, 32, was the WBC's top-rated contender.

Randall dared to hook with a hooker

Abraham Chiavarria (Mexico) scored 114-113 for Chavez. He was outvoted by Angel Luis Guzman (Puerto Rico) and Chuck Giampa (USA), who scored for Randall by 114-113 and 116-111, respectively. THE RING had Randall ahead by 114-113.

While Chavez criticized the decision, most ringsiders had Randall ahead. As it turned out, the difference was an 11th-round knockdown, the first of Chavez' career. Moreover, referee Richard Steele (USA) penalized Chavez for punching low in rounds seven and 11.

Randall opened with lateral movement, but as early as round two, during which he cracked Chavez with his signature straight right, the challenger was willing to trade power shots. Steele warned both fighters for punching low in the third. However, that didn't discourage Chavez, who continued a brutal body attack in the fourth. By the end of the round, Randall was clinching.

Fighting inside, Randall, 49-2-1 (39), proved at least as industrious as Chavez, 89-1-1 (77), in the fifth. The sixth featured three minutes of sustained action, with the fighters alternating the initiative. During a late-round toe-to-toe exchange, Randall showed a world-class chin, but Chavez was slightly more effective.

Chavez again forced a shootout toward the end of the seventh, but after Steele deducted a point, could do no better than a 10-10 round. The Mexican hammered Randall's body in the first half of the eighth, then swallowed a series of rights. It seemed the champion's relentless bodypunching wasn't producing a payoff.

The ninth was relatively quiet, and in the 10th, Randall alternately moved and held. In the critical 11th, an energized Chavez rallied until losing a second point for hitting low. Then, with about 25 seconds remaining, Randall jabbed and fired a right that split Chavez' guard. Chavez crashed, rolled over, paused for a split second, then rose. Randall elected not to press his advantage.

Perhaps sensing he needed a big finish, Chavez tried to swarm in the 12th, but his technique was suffering, and Randall used enough movement to guarantee safety. It was a tepid ending to an electrifying fight. Chavez had again left his fate in the hands of the judges. This time, however, he would not benefit from their generosity.

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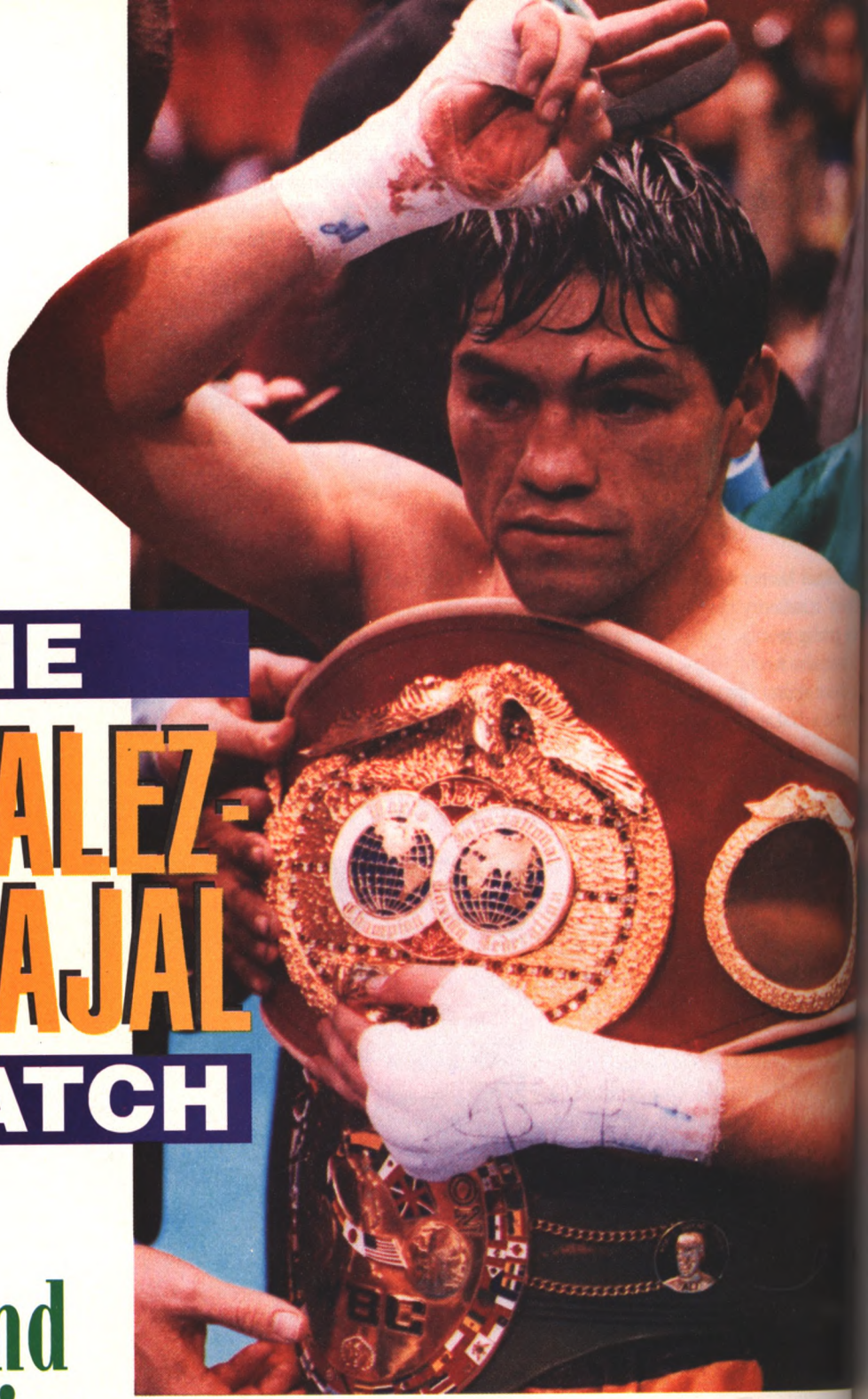

THE GONZALEZ-CARBAJAL REMATCH

Blood, Guts, And A Surprise Winner

Photos by Brent Cook

By Ivan G. Goldman

Fans saw lots of blood but not enough fire in Michael Carbajal-Chiquita Gonzalez, Part II. The 1994 sequel to the best fight of 1993 was a less than inspiring chess match. Gonzalez won by split decision, taking two junior flyweight belts home to Mexico—at least until they meet again.

Chiquita came into the Great Western Fo with a plan. To his credit, he carried it thro even after a third-round cut over his left made his face look like a ketchup squeeze bot

Staring eerily out of the scarlet torrent fo miniature terminator, the determined Gonz used lateral movement and footwork to cont Carbajal, who was clearly unprepared for su

Gonzalez alternately boxed from long range (above) and traded on the inside (below). Ignoring a dangerous cut above his left eye, the Mexican clearly outworked Carbajal in the late rounds.

style from the Mexican slugger. Carbajal, who came into the bout with the WBC belt he'd lifted off Gonzalez in March '93 and the IBF belt he owned since July 1990, expected their second rumble to be an extension of the first, which he ended with a light-speed left hook in the seventh round, earning him the greatest and most significant victory of his career.

Carbajal-Gonzalez I, 6½ rounds of toe-to-toe fury in Las Vegas, made both little guys 10 feet tall to fight fans all over the world. Although the return failed to meet expectations, it managed to generate interest for yet another go-round. The stoic Gonzalez, looking about as happy as he ever gets, credited savvy Mexican trainer Nacho Beristain for devising the strategy that put him back on top and delivered the first pro defeat ever to Carbajal.

"I wanted to reverse the flow of the first fight and come on strong in the later rounds," Gonzalez said. Which is exactly what he did. But even when he closed in toward the end of the bout, he rarely stayed long, skipping away before Carbajal could set up any telling combinations.

"In this fight, I don't think he stood there and wanted to fight," the favored Carbajal complained later. "I felt after the first round he had some fear in him. He kept moving away. He's a fighter, but against me it's a different kind of fighter."

Add it up and the second encounter, was, like the first, seven rounds long. This time there was little thunder until the bell rang for the sixth. By then, most fans preferred to watch the occasional fist fight in the stands rather than the less exciting battle they'd paid up to $250 to see.

Everything was in place for a great contest when Michael Buffer sang out his "let's get ready to rumble" schtick to a gathering of 10,333, including Magic Johnson and the typical scattering of Hollywood celebs. It was the biggest Forum crowd anyone could remember, with many fans hailing from south of the border. Americans' chants of "Michael, Michael" competed with spirited cries of "May-hee-co, May-hee-co."

Anytime a Mexican-American faces a Mexican-National, the bout can arouse border passions like another Alamo, and with two titles and tons of bragging rights on the line, this contest stirred up more than its share. Even Mexicans agreed that if Gonzalez lost this one, he would quickly fade into lore as a fighter who was only second-best in his time.

Unfortunately, the most dramatic aspect of the rematch turned out to be the vertical, industrial-strength cut above Gonzalez' left eye, toward the bridge of the nose. He blamed it on an accidental headbutt; Carbajal said it was probably from a right hand. Referee Lou Filippo ruled it the result of a punch, which means if there was a butt, he didn't see it. Whatever the case, television cameras didn't do the cut justice. Up close and personal, it appeared more like a stab wound than a boxing injury.

Even Filippo, with some justification, seemed to spend more time watching the cut than the fight itself. When he called time at 2:45 in the fourth to let ringside physicians Robert Karns and Paul Wallace examine the wound, fans shook their heads in mournful exasperation, expecting the fight to be stopped before it really got started. Miraculously, the doctors pronounced Gonzalez

ready to continue. And he was. By the later rounds, the cut would be less of a factor.

"I was always thinking they might stop the fight," said Gonzalez, "but my corner told me, 'Don't worry about the cut. That's *our* job.' They gave me the confidence to keep going."

Although Carbajal, 26, is a skilled boxer-puncher, he usually prefers to trade, taking punches in order to score the solid shots that earned him the moniker "Manitos De Piedra" (Little Hands of Stone). The switch-hitting Gonzalez came into the fight one month shy of his 28th birthday. Five inches shorter than the 5'6" Carbajal but with the same reach, he likes to take charge by driving in like a mini-cement truck, both arms pumping.

In most of the first bout, Gonzalez handled the big shots better than Carbajal, who was knocked down with savage assurance in the second and fifth rounds. But in the seventh, Carbajal, behind on all cards, landed the biggest left hook of his life, instantly paralyzing Gonzalez. Carbajal stepped aside, and his antagonist dropped to the canvas. *Finito.*

Gonzalez explained that in Las Vegas he let it all hang out early because he'd had even more trouble than usual making weight, and he feared he would weaken in the later rounds.

For the return, Beristain trained his little dynamo at Joe Sayatovich's monasterial First Fighter Squadron boxing camp in the high California desert just north of Tecate, Mexico. Gonzalez' concentration clearly benefited from the month of solitude. He weighed in at 107¼, three-quarters of a pound under the limit, and he was ready, staying on his toes most of the fight.

The early rounds were all close cat-and-mouse affairs, but Carbajal, the aggressor, did more, landing several good right hands. Amazingly, neither fighter lost his cool after Gonzalez sprang the third-round leak. Rounds four and five were spent mostly circling and watching. In the sixth, Carbajal, 30-1 (18), ended a flurry with a big right hand, backing up his opponent. All three judges gave the round, the best so far, to the champion.

In the seventh, they went inside and slugged just as in the first fight, blood still running freely into Gonzalez' eye and down his face. In the eighth, Gonzalez, 38-2 (26), tagged Carbajal with a terrific left-right combination, both uppercuts. But Carbajal, showing the same determination displayed in the first fight, kept coming, winning

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PENDLETON-RUELAS: ONE HELLUVA PRELIM

He came to town a strutting champion, full of himself, and with no respect for his opponent. Whether it was an act or not, it certainly backfired on Freddie Pendleton, who left the Great Western Forum with nothing to say.

Defending the IBF lightweight title for the second time, Pendleton, 135, Miami, took on Rafael Ruelas, 135, Sylmar, California, on the undercard of the Chiquita Gonzalez-Michael Carbajal rematch. Before the bout, the champion called Ruelas a bum and a clown and promised a knockout. "I never really took any of Freddie's words personally," said Ruelas. "You don't win fights with words, you win them with your fists."

Photo by Brent Cook

Ruelas kept Pendleton on the defensive

In the first round Pendleton, 35-19-4 (23), used his fists to back up his mouth. Fifty seconds in, an overhand right downed Ruelas, 40-1 (31), and 40 seconds later a hook redeposited him on the canvas. The three-knockdown rule was not in effect, but another fall would likely have brought a stoppage from referee Robert Byrd (USA).

"I wasn't worried," said Dan Goossen, Ruelas' manager/promoter. "I know Rafael."

Ruelas survived the remainder of the round and came back to hustle Pendleton across the ring. Pendleton answered with an effective jab, but he missed whenever following with his dangerous right. The first round aside, Ruelas clearly outworked the champion.

Sensing he needed a rally, Pendleton enjoyed a strong eighth, during which he landed both straight and overhand rights. By the bell, "Fearless Freddie's" legs were heavy and Ruelas' unsteady.

Bleeding from the nose and bottom lip, Pendleton threatened for the last time in the ninth. An overhand right just before the bell dropped Ruelas, but Byrd ruled a slip. Invigorated, Pendleton kept punching after the bell.

Ruelas cemented his victory by taking the last three rounds. He was especially dominant in the 11th; after a sloppy toe-to-toe trade, Pendleton looked exhausted and near-defenseless. He was visited by the ringside physician before the start of the 12th.

The scoring was unanimous, with Pat Russell voting 114-112, Eugene Grant 116-111, and Ric Bays 115-110. All three judges are from the USA. As soon as the decision was announced, Pendleton stormed out of the ring.

"It's a great feeling; I worked so hard for it," said the winner. "He stung me once, but other than that I was fine. I landed more punches than he did, and in the later rounds I felt him getting tired."

The attendance was 10,333.

Promoter: Top Rank

—David Wo

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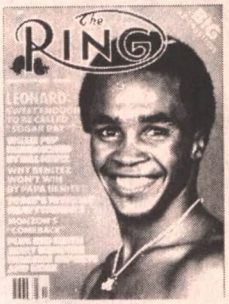

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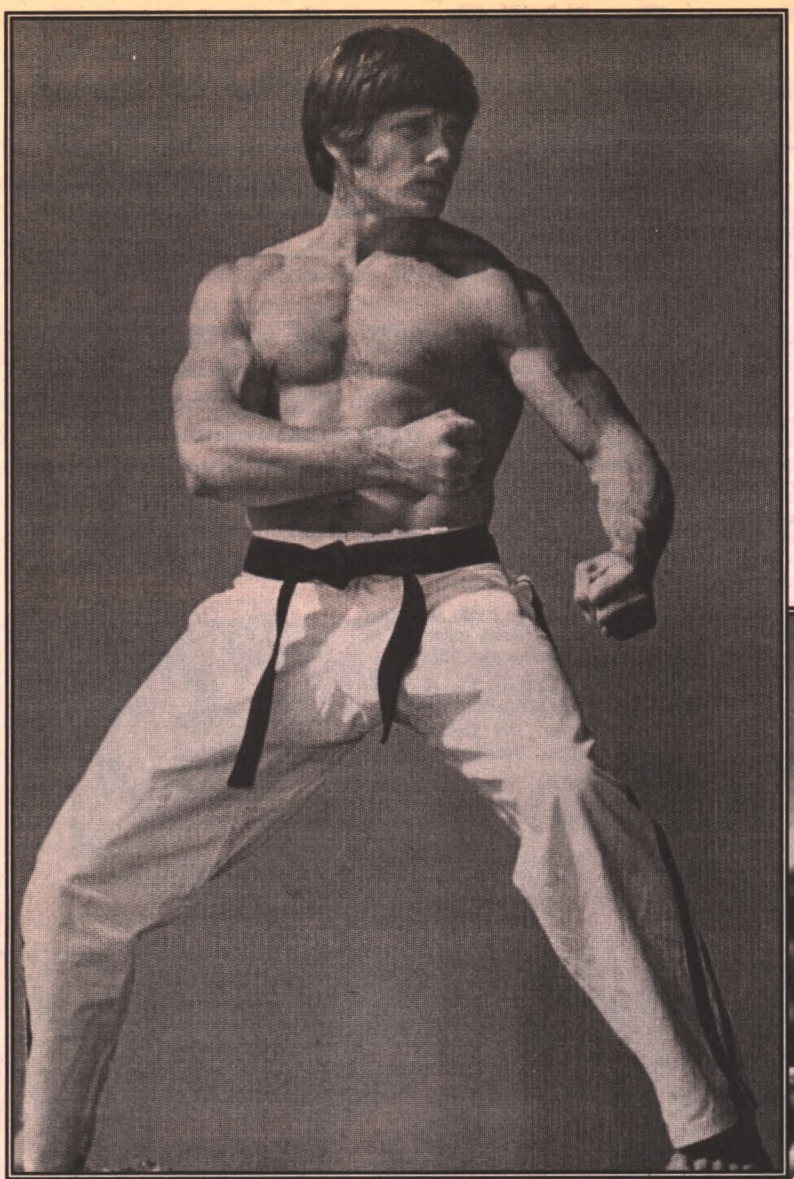

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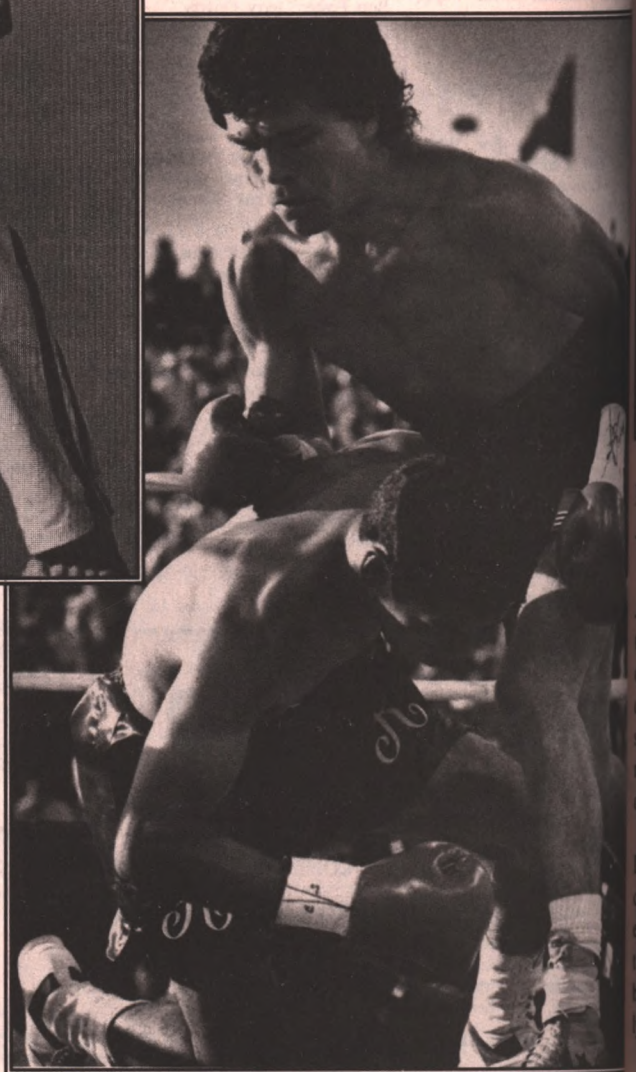
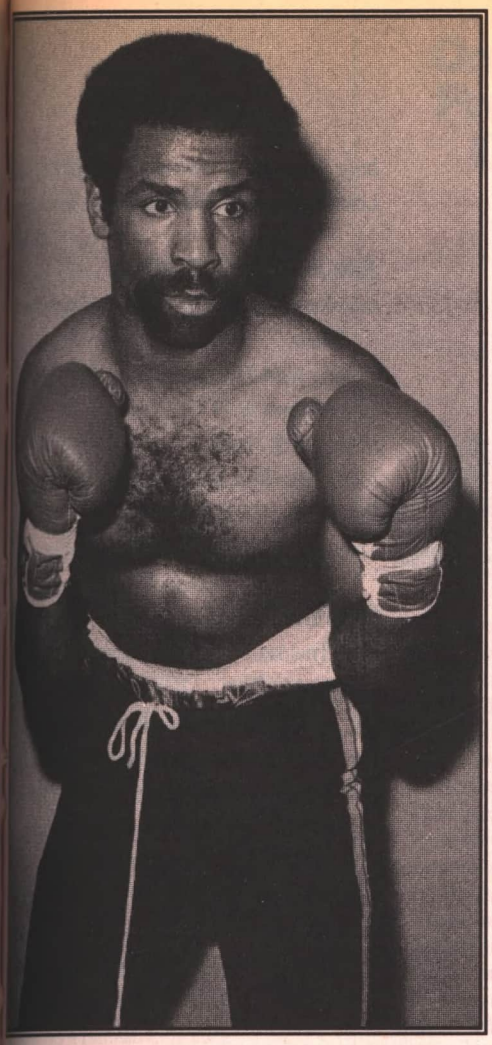


THE KICKBOXING CONNECTION

Top left: Manager Cus D'Amato thought he could turn karate legend Joe L into heavyweight champion of the world, but Lewis resisted lacing on the g Above: Troy Dorsey has been both a kickboxing and boxing champion. In 1991, he won the vacant IBF featherweight title by crushing Alfred Rangel round. And he didn't have to use his feet to do it.



Among the first American kickboxers to succeed in boxing was Howard Jackson, a protege of Chuck Norris. Jackson won the USBA welterweight title and came close to securing a title shot against Sugar Ray Leonard.

By **Mark Jacobs**

Premyslaw Saleta hardly looks the part of a fighter. A six-foot, 195-pound string-bean who wears a perpetual smile that trainer Angelo Dundee can't seem to break him of, he evokes concern for his safety when he climbs through the ropes. Then he embarrasses sparring partner after sparring partner with lateral movement and snapping jabs. Suddenly, he doesn't look quite so frail.

If that wasn't impressive enough, talk with Dundee and he'll quickly anoint Saleta the best cruiserweight in the world—with the possible exception of Orlin Norris. True, Dundee is a thorough hypemeister. But why give such a buildup to a fighter with a 9-1 record and virtually no amateur boxing experience?

The key word here is boxing.

If Saleta, a native of Poland, seems inordinately relaxed for a relative novice, it's because he's been in the ring before, albeit barefoot. As a former heavyweight and super heavyweight kickboxing champion, Saleta logged dozens of championship rounds. Purists might scoff, but a punch to the face hurts just as much, no matter what a fighter wears on his feet.

Saleta is the latest in a recent trend: fighters coming from the kickboxing ring into the "legitimate" world of boxing. A few, such as Troy Dorsey and James Warring, have done quite nicely for themselves. Are there more to follow? Will boxing soon be inundated with boxers doing splits as part of their prefight routine? What's the world coming to?

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This sort of cross-pollinating between sports has been going on longer than most fight fans would suspect. Back in the '60s there was a karate champion named Joe Lewis. This one happened to be blond-haired and blue-eyed, but he was still a fairly tough fighter. So much so that some boxing people thought he would make a pretty decent heavyweight.

"These guys watched me spar once and said, 'Wow, this guy doesn't even blink when he gets kicked in the face.' They sent me down to the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles," said Lewis.

Being that Lewis was a white heavyweight who could fight a little, every trainer wanted to work with him. Sugar Ray Robinson even gave him some tips. Lewis, who had always been a karate man, was impressed with the footwork and speed he found in boxing and began to incorporate it into his brand of karate. Later, he began working out with Bruce Lee, another avid boxing enthusiast.

"Lee idolized Muhammad Ali and studied everything he did," said Lewis. "When we worked out, we'd watch old fight films. We watched Jack Johnson for defense, Willie Pep for counterpunching, Ray Robinson for speed, and Jack Dempsey for explosiveness and aggression."

Lewis found he liked the contact in boxing. Up to that point, karate matches were generally fought in a light-contact fashion. In 1970, he combined the two sports into full-contact karate, which came to be known as kickboxing. Kickboxers had competed for years in Asia, but it was the first time the sport had been attempted in the United States. Virtually the only karateman training as a boxer, Lewis began knocking out everyone he faced.

Though Lewis said he fielded lots of offers to go into boxing, including one from Cus D'Amato, he never took them seriously. Being just under six-feet tall and possessing tender skin,

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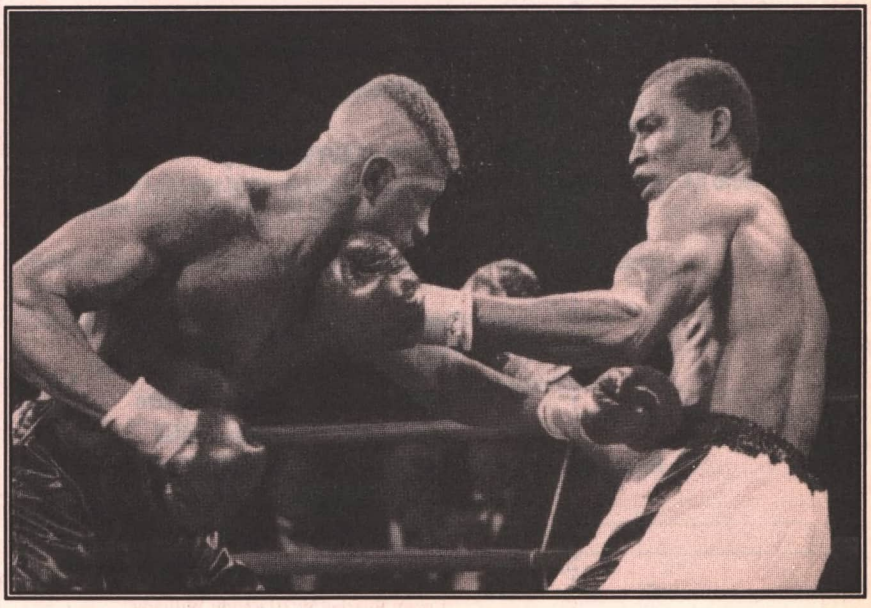

James Warring (right, dueling with Al Cole) has reigned as a heavyweight kickboxing champion and the IBF cruiserweight king. One of the biggest differences in the sports, he says, is the depth of talent.

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Tommy Morrison KO 3 Tui Toia
Razor Ruddock W 10 Anthony Wade
Buster Mathis Jr. W 12 Tyrell Biggs
Tony Tucker KO 1 George Stephens
Tony Tubbs W 10 Bigfoot Martin
Jeremy Williams KO 9 Mark Wills
Corrie Sanders KO 6 Marshall Tillman
Gary Mason KO 2 Kimmuel Odum
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Joe Hipp KO 4 Keith MacMurray
Bruce Seldon KO 4 Nathaniel Fitch
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Dave Dixon KO 1 Gary Winmon
Larry Donald KO 6 Mike Dixon
Samson Po'uha KO 7 David Graves
David Tua KO 2 Bill Corrigan
Shannon Briggs KO 6 Mike Faulkner

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Thomas Hearns W 12 Freddy Delgado
Thomas Hearns KO 1 Dan Ward
Bobby Czyz W 10 George O'Mara
Norbert Ekassi KO 1 Vincent Boulware
Franco Wanyama KO 2 Tony Booth
Przemyslaw Saleta KO 8 James Wilder
Dennis Andries KO 4 Crawford Ashley
Carl Thompson KO 8 Massimiliano Duran
Ralf Rocchigiani W 8 Tim Knight

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

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Ernest Mateen W 10 Greg Thomas
Sergio Merani KO 8 Hernan Perez

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS

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Roberto Duran W 10 Carlos Montero
Steve Collins KO 4 Johnny Melfah
Carl Jones KO 10 Donnie Giron

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Lonny Beasley KO 1 Charles Brewer
Lonny Beasley W 10 Randy Williams
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Lonnie Bradley W 8 Anthony Bryant

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Simon Brown W 12 Troy Waters
(Retains WBC Title)
Julio Cesar Green KO 1 Matthew Charleston
Eric Holland KO 9 William Jones
Lupe Aquino KO 2 Royan Hammond

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Eamonn Loughran W 12 Alessandro Duran
Roger Mayweather W 10 Rod Sequenan
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Gary Jacobs W 12 Tek N'Kalankete
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Frankie Randall W 12 Julio Cesar Chavez
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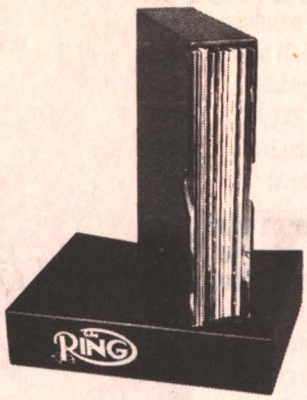

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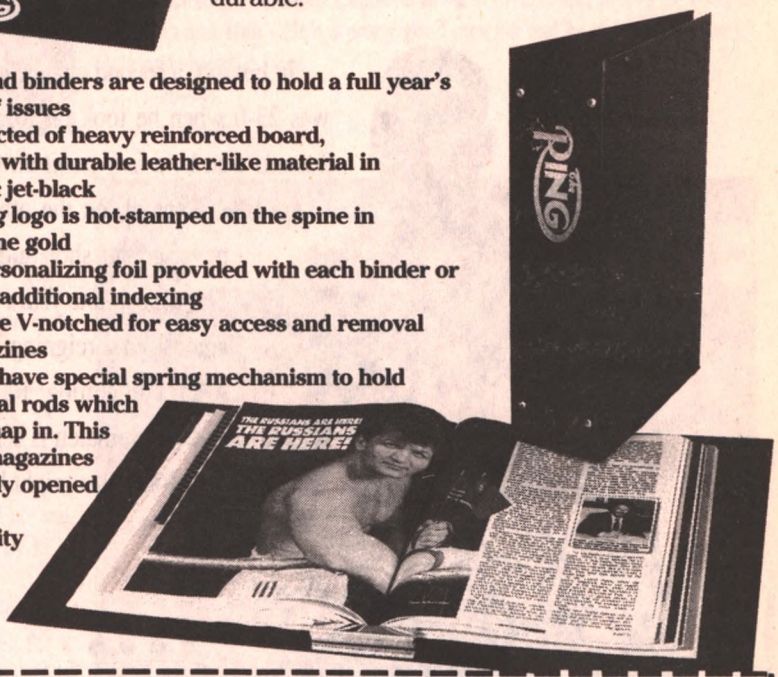

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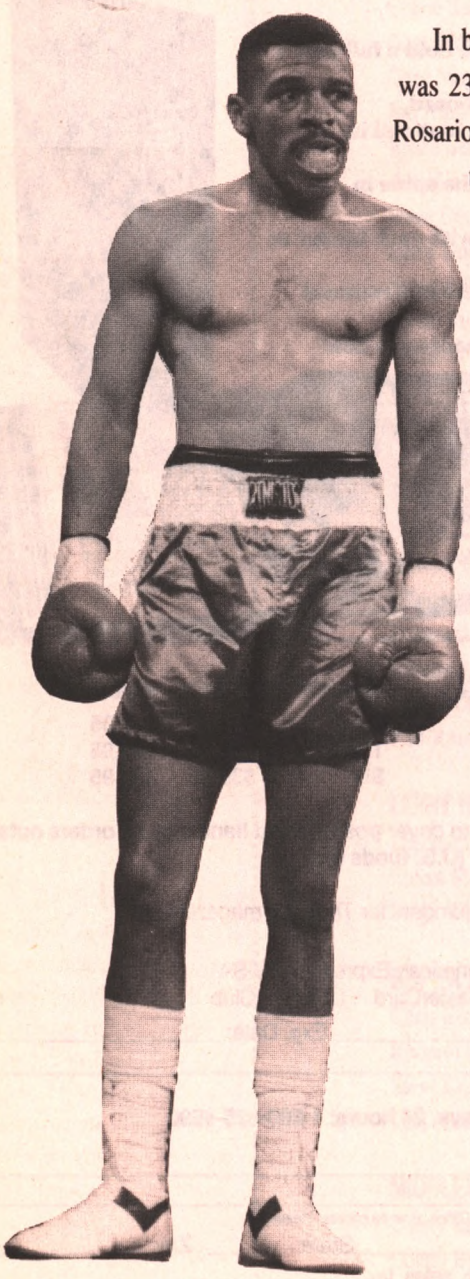

In boxing, a second chance comes only to the lucky. In June 1985, Frankie Ra was 23-0 when he took on former lightweight champion Edwin Rosario in Lon Rosario won by a *half-point* on the referee's card and subsequently regained the w title. Randall, on the other hand, began to quietly fade away. It seemed h never get his shot, and at one point he considered quitting the ring.

Almost *nine years* after narrowly losing to Rosario, Randall was matc against long-reigning WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Ch A 17-1 underdog, Randall fought brilliantly in pulling off a monume upset. A rematch is scheduled for May. If Randall wins again, the Fighte the Month just might become the Fighter of the Year.

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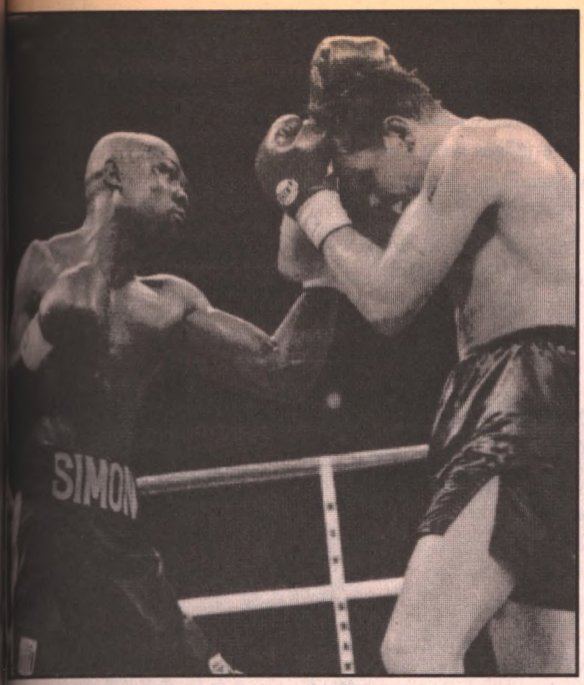
Frankie Randall



Ever-accurate, Brown troubled Waters

mon Brown W 12 Troy Waters

Las Vegas, Nevada: Relying on his considerable skills and guile, and roving a 12th-round cut over his right eye, Brown retained the WBC r welterweight title for the first time, scoring a majority decision over ers before 12,227 fans at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Although a 5-1 favorite, Brown, 153, Mt. Airy, Maryland, had to work m opening to closing bell against the persistent challenger. Waters, 153, ndo Beach, California, via Sydney, Australia, came forward throughout was outpunched three to one in the heavy exchanges.

Jerry Roth (USA) scored 116-112, Vince Delgado (USA) 118-111, and id Chung (South Korea) 114-114. THE RING had Brown in front by 117-

Brown, 41-2 (30), had won the title by knocking out Terry Norris in ember. He earned $500,000 for this defense and is scheduled for a tch with Norris May 7. Waters, who failed in his third try for the 154- nd crown, pocketed $75,000 and was promised more work by promoter n King.

Brown's snapping jab kept Waters off-balance throughout, and when the llenger got close, he couldn't match Brown's accuracy. Waters was sionally effective with his right hand, particularly in the third and 12th nds, and in the sixth he forced Brown into an extended toe-to-toe nge. Otherwise, Brown controlled the tempo.

"After I beat Norris," said the 30-year-old Brown, "I took just three days nd went back to the gym. I didn't feel as strong as I wanted to for this t. However, Waters is as tough as anybody I've fought. He took ything I threw at him."

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Jack Welsh

ix Trinidad W 12 Hector Camacho

Las Vegas, Nevada: Despite the spoiling tactics of Camacho, IBF erweight champion Trinidad never lost his poise en route to scoring a ded unanimous decision at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Trinidad, 147, Cupey Alto, Puerto Rico, was 10 years younger than the southpaw challenger (21 to 31) and held advantages in height (5'11" to 5'6½") and reach 70 inches to 67. The numbers were insignificant, however, because Camacho, 147, Big Cypress, Florida, via Bayamon, Puerto Rico, did little but retreat, duck, and clinch.

Dalby Shirley (USA) scored 119-106, Glen Hamada (USA) 116-110, and Mike Glienna (USA) 117-109. The referee was Joe Cortez (USA), who penalized Trinidad in round five for holding and hitting, and Camacho in round 10 for excessive holding.

Making his third defense, Trinidad earned $200,000. Camacho was paid $100,000.

Trinidad, 23-0 (19), appeared to stun Camacho, 44-3 (21), with a left-right to the jaw in the third. From that point on, the former two-division champion's sole objective was to smother his opponent's power in whatever way possible.

"Camacho's style was uncomfortable to deal with, but I overcame it," said Trinidad.

The champion stunned Camacho in the sixth and hurt him to the body in the ninth and 10th. "He's a pretty good puncher and he did hurt me once," acknowledged the loser.

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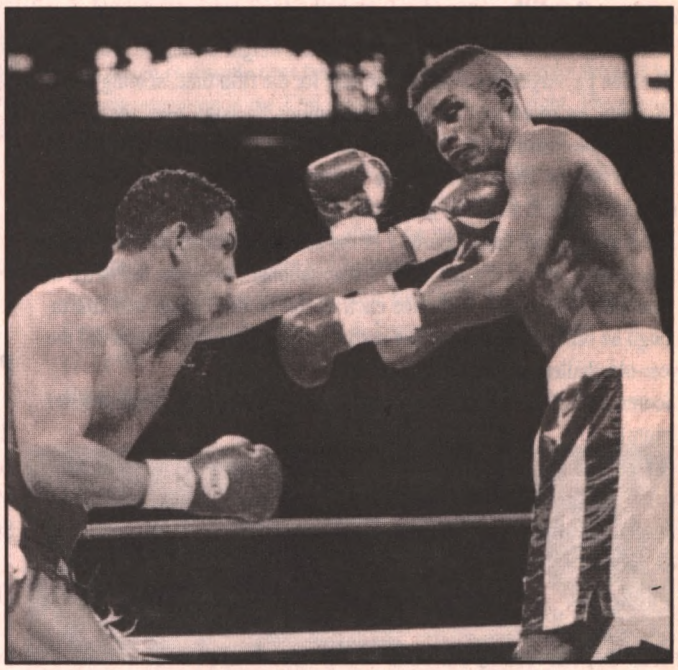

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Once or twice a round, Camacho did try a punch

John-John Molina KO 6 Floyd Havard

Cardiff, Wales: The disparity in class was patent as IBF junior lightweight champion Molina, 128, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, administered a methodical beating to the gutsy Havard, 130, Swansea, Wales, before a broken nose brought about the challenger's retirement after six rounds at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Sophia Gardens. It was the fifth defense of Molina's second reign.

Brittle hands had allowed Havard, 26-2 (15), to box only twice in the previous two years. Inactivity was likely to prove a damaging impediment against a quality champion like Molina, but Havard's Celtic courage helped avoid the embarrassment that might have been.

From the outset, Molina, 34-3 (24), dominated with his faster hands and

superior punching power. Havard attempted to keep a comfortable distance with the use of his southpaw jab. Molina walked through the blows, however, and delivered multipunch combinations.

At the start of the third, a straight right by Molina was followed by a fusillade of punches that sent the 28-year-old Havard down for a count of two by referee Brian Garry (USA). The Welshman then sensibly retreated, while Molina struggled to string the punches that would bring a stoppage.

Blood trickled from Havard's nose in round four. Molina maintained the initiative through the fifth and sixth, sharply alternating his attack between head and body. It was at the end of the sixth that Havard's corner made the wise decision to draw matters to a close.

The judges were Samuel Conde (Puerto Rico), Roy Francis (England), and Harry Davis (Canada).

Said Lou Duva, Molina's co-manager, "I'd love him to fight [WBC champion] Azumah Nelson. Maybe I could fight Don King in the semifinal."

Promoters: Panix Promotions, Main Events

(1-22-94)

Brian Doogan

Julio Cesar Vasquez W 12 Juan Ramon Medina-Padilla

Alma Ata, Kazakhstan: WBA junior middleweight champion Vasquez, 153½, Sante Fe, Argentina, retained the title for the fifth time, scoring seven knockdowns en route to a lopsided unanimous decision over the ninth-ranked Medina-Padilla, 153, Madrid, Spain, via the Dominican Republic, before a crowd of about 5,000 at the Sports Palace Arena. (Located near China, Kazakhstan is a state of the former Soviet Union.)

Every knockdown came courtesy of the southpaw champion's left hand. Medina-Padilla, 19-1-2 (7), the WBA's International champion, fell twice in the first and 11th rounds and once each in the second, third, and fourth. Although he occasionally lashed out with a straight right, at no point did the 24-year-old challenger threaten Vasquez, 47-1 (33).

Scores: 117-107, 119-102, and 120-105. The referee was Armand Krief (Belgium).

"I know I could make a better fight," said the 27-year-old Vasquez, who displayed power and determination, but little finesse or imagination.

Promoters: Mickey Duff, Osvaldo Rivero

(1-22-94)

Carlos Irusta

Genaro Hernandez KO 8 Jorge Ramirez

Inglewood, California: WBA junior lightweight champion Hernandez, 130, Los Angeles, made defense number seven an easy one as he handily stopped the 12th-rated "Cocas" Ramirez, 130, Huntington Beach, California, via Mexico, before a crowd of 4,549 at the Great Western Forum.

It was a one-sided contest, with the veteran challenger failing to win a round. The 29-year-old Ramirez finished the bout with his face a bloody mess, the result of a pair of cuts around his right eye.

Hernandez, 30-0-1 (15), looked a class above from the start, using solid jabs to open the way for damaging hooks, which he landed to both the head and body. However, he rarely used his oft-injured right hand.

Ramirez, 64-11-3 (51), began bleeding from a cut under his right eye in the second round. By the fifth, his forward progress had stopped, and Hernandez was punishing him. When a second cut was opened in the sixth, a stoppage seemed imminent. A series of punches rocked Ramirez in the seventh, and early in the eighth referee Larry Rozadilla (USA) called for the ringside doctor. Ramirez was allowed to continue, but not for long. Rozadilla called a halt at 2:35 of the round.

The judges were Lou Moret (USA), Angel Tovar (Venezuela), and Francisco Burac (Panama).

"I hit him a couple of times on the head and it bothered me," Hernandez said of his right hand. Surgery will likely be scheduled for later this month and a layoff of about six months will follow.

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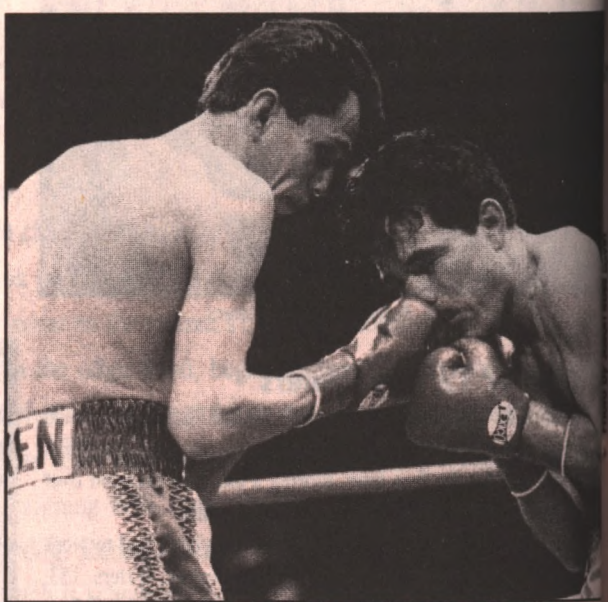
David Wood



Hernandez gave "Cocas" a nose job

Phichit Sithbangprachan W 12 Arthur Johnson

Surat Thani, Thailand: Local hero Sithbangprachan retained the WBA flyweight crown for the fourth time, scoring a unanimous but highly controversial decision over far more skillful 1988 Olympian Johnson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, before 50,000 partisan fans at Surat Thani Stadium.

Oscar Bryan (USA) scored 118-110, and Vichai Srichampa (Thailand) and Jacobs Limahelo (Indonesia) 115-113. THE RING scored 116-112 for Johnson. In retrospect, the judges may have been influenced by the huge crowd, which roared every time Sithbangprachan threw a punch.

Starting with fireworks, the sturdy but limited Sithbangprachan, 16-1 (15), took the first two rounds with his aggressiveness. In the third, Johnson, 8-1 (5), began to capitalize on his considerable height and reach advantage by scoring with counter overhand rights and hooks. He remained in command in the fourth and fifth. Bobbing and weaving, Sithbangprachan regained control in the sixth, though Johnson seemed to block most of the blows.

Punching with precision, Johnson took the seventh, eighth, and ninth. Somewhat desperate, Sithbangprachan, who was boxing with a badly swollen left eye, rebounded in the 10th and forced Johnson to retreat. Over the last two rounds, it was the challenger who landed the crisper blows. In the 12th, he almost toppled the Thai with a wicked right.

"I can't see why Arthur lost," said Angelo Dundee, Johnson's trainer.

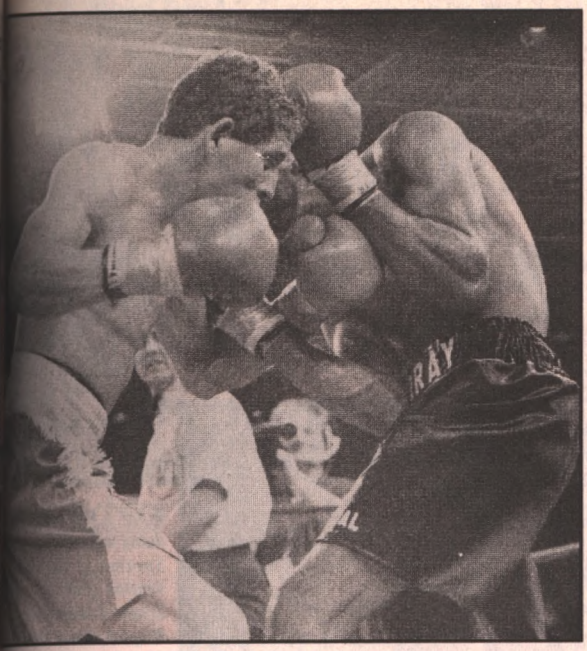
boy wasn't hurt and he's unmarked. Look at the champ's face."

The referee was Al Rothenberg (USA).

Promoter: Songchai Ratanasuban

(1-23-94)

Joe Koizumi



Shocker! Jake "The Snake" overwhelms Murray

ke Rodriguez W 12 Charles Murray

Atlantic City, New Jersey: IBF junior welterweight champion Murray his nine-month reign ended by southpaw Rodriguez, who relentlessly ressured "The Natural" and took a majority decision at Bally's Park lace.

There was little chance the 28-year-old Rodriguez, 140, Brentwood, ew York, would knock out Murray, 140, Rochester, New York, but he ailed the champion from the start, backing him up as he lowered his head nd bulled his way inside. Murray, while jabbing effectively at times, never ally got going.

Rodriguez, 24-2-2 (6), won the first round with aggressiveness and ever stopped coming forward. In the third, the champion and his cornermen egan complaining about headbutts. In the middle rounds, Murray, 31-2 (), started connecting with lead rights and crisp combinations, and it peared he was taking control. But Murray isn't a big puncher, and odriguez was never discouraged.

Rodriguez, who prepared by sparring with Pernell Whitaker, looked as rong sweeping the final round as he did in the first. There was nothing ose to a knockdown and neither fighter showed blood. Steve Weisfeld and e Pasquale scored 116-112 and 115-113, respectively, for the new ampion, and John Poturaj had it 114-114. All three judges are from the SA. THE RING scored 115-113 for Rodriguez.

In December, Rodriguez was signed to challenge then-WBC super ightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez, but Chavez turned down the fight hen he found out "The Snake" was a southpaw. Murray didn't use his pponent's left-handed stance as an excuse.

"He just outworked me and outhustled me," Murray said. "I tried to stay utside, he tried to stay inside, but his [style] worked. He won the fight. I ought he kind of edged it out."

Rodriguez promised Murray another chance. Expect the rematch to happen this year.

The bout was televised by ESPN.

Promoter: Top Rank

(2-13-94)

Eric Karabell

Tom Johnson W 12 Orlando Soto

St. Louis, Missouri: IBF featherweight champion "Boom Boom" Johnson has been king longer than any of the reigning 126-pound titlists. Still, he's one of boxing's least known champions. This defense, his third, suggested the lack of exposure and recognition is no fault of his own.

Johnson, 126, Detroit, and mandatory challenger Soto, 126, Panama City, Panama, dueled before about 1,500 fans at the new Cervantes Convention Center. Johnson dominated most of the rounds but had to work hard throughout. The decision was unanimous, with Stu Winston scoring 117-109, Marty Bickel 116-110, and Jim Hughey 115-111. All three judges are from the USA.

Soto, 22-1 (16), was billed as the powerpuncher, but it was Johnson, 35-2-1 (23), who scored a knockdown in the thrilling fifth round with a chopping right. (Only moments before being floored, Soto staggered the champion with a long straight right.) Soto was aggressive from start to finish, but when referee Bobby Ferrara (USA) penalized him for punching low in the seventh, it seemed certain he needed a kayo to win. Accordingly, Johnson boxed cautiously over the last four rounds. Soto broke through with 20 seconds remaining in the 12th, connecting with a big right. There wasn't adequate time, however, to follow up.

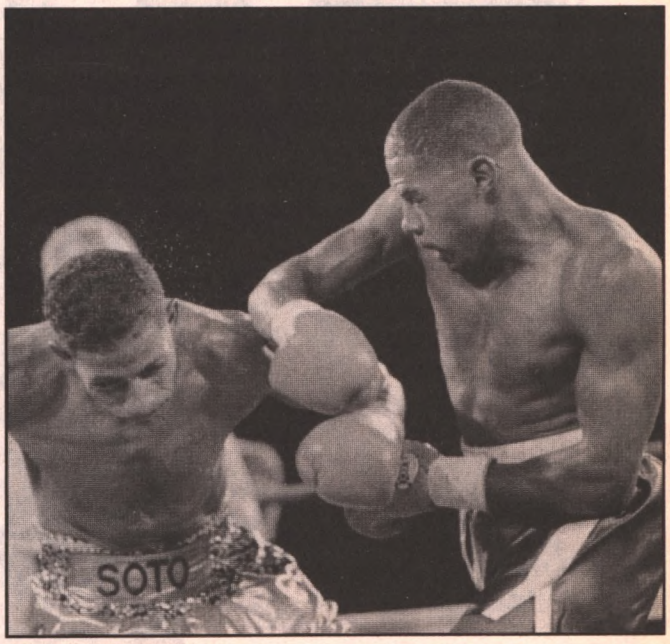
"I've been at this weight for eight or nine years now," Johnson said afterward. "It's time for me to step up. If I could get a big-money offer to unify the title with Kevin [Kelley], that'd be worth the sacrifice of making this weight. It's time for bigger and better things."

Johnson-Soto was the first world title fight in St. Louis in 35 years.

Promoters: Garden State Boxing & Triple Threat Promotions

(2-12-94)

Brent Williams ■



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"Boom Boom" zoomed in on Soto

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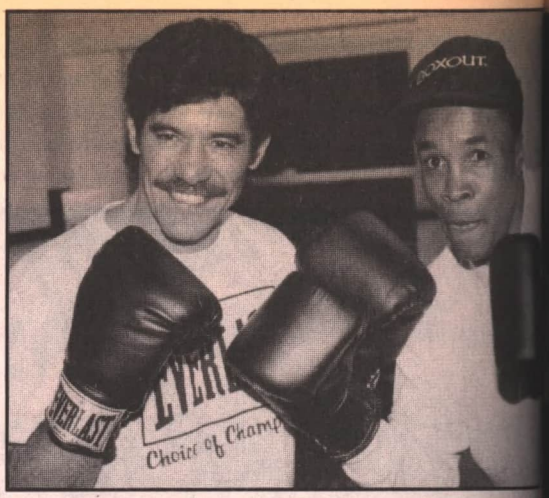
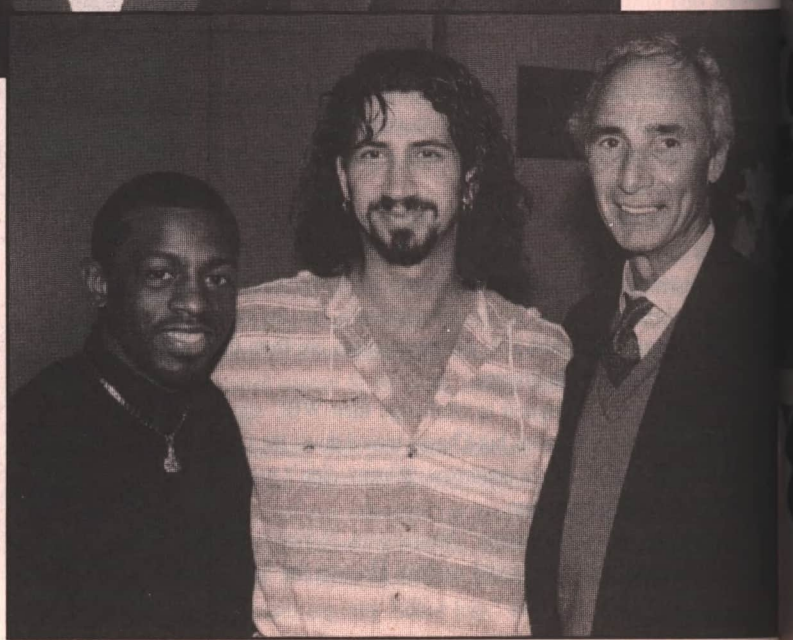


Geraldo Rivera recently opened a white-collar boxing gym in Ne City. Some of the TV star's critics would like to see him spar rounds with Sugar Ray Leonard.

Photo by Scott Romer

What's Marvelous M doing with all these bi Spotted at the WBC vention (from left): M Spinks, Lennox Lewis, M Hagler, Larry Holmes Evander Holyfield.



Manager Harlan Werner is sandwiched by a pair of talented lefties, WBC featherweight champion Kevin Kelley and Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax.

Manager Jackie Kallen has another winner in junior middleweight Lonny Beasley, who kayoed the streaking Charles Brewer in one round. Detroit's Beasley also issued Emmett Linton his first loss.

Photo by Jason Ross Lavin

heavyweight champion Virgil Hill was belted by WBA President Gilberto ...a at the organization's awards ceremony in Atlantic City in February.

A rare photo: "The Macho Man" with his mouth closed. This photo was taken in Hector Camacho's dressing room before his unsuccessful challenge of IBF welterweight titlist Felix Trinidad in Las Vegas.

Photo by Teddy Blackburn

Former world champion Aaron Pryor, who is now working as a trainer, instructs Cincinnati's Ravea Springs after the super middleweight scored a victory in New York City.

Holyfield-Moorer

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his physical talent was enough to see him through.

"The first step in correcting these problems is for Michael to admit they exist and then address them. He has to face his fears, by degree, a little each day. I want him to visualize the fight beforehand, look at it for what it is, not allow it to turn into some kind of monster."

Sounds great in theory. But will Atlas be able to transform a moody malcontent into a well-conditioned and self-assured challenger by the time he steps into the ring to face Holyfield? Can he teach Moorer to harness his anger and transform it into the supreme effort he'll need to win the title?

When it comes to conditioning, Holyfield rarely strays from the righteous path. He has been known throughout his career for the exquisite torture he subjects his body to while training. But apparently heady with his celebrity status, he slacked off prior to his first fight with Bowe and suffered the consequences. He was in superlative shape for the rematch, and it's tough to imagine such a staid individual forgetting the harsh lesson of the first Bowe fight. Even so, it might be risky to assume he'll be 100 percent fit, both mentally and physically for Moorer.

Holyfield recently split with Steward over a financial dispute, breaking up the team that carried him back to the title. The Kronkmaster, who began working with Holyfield before the second Stewart fight, has to be credited with helping devise the fight plan that beat Bowe. He was also the leading figure in creating a training camp atmosphere conducive to bringing out the best in Holyfield. Moreover, he provided astute between-rounds advice and the sort of subtle motivation required when dealing with a proud champion.

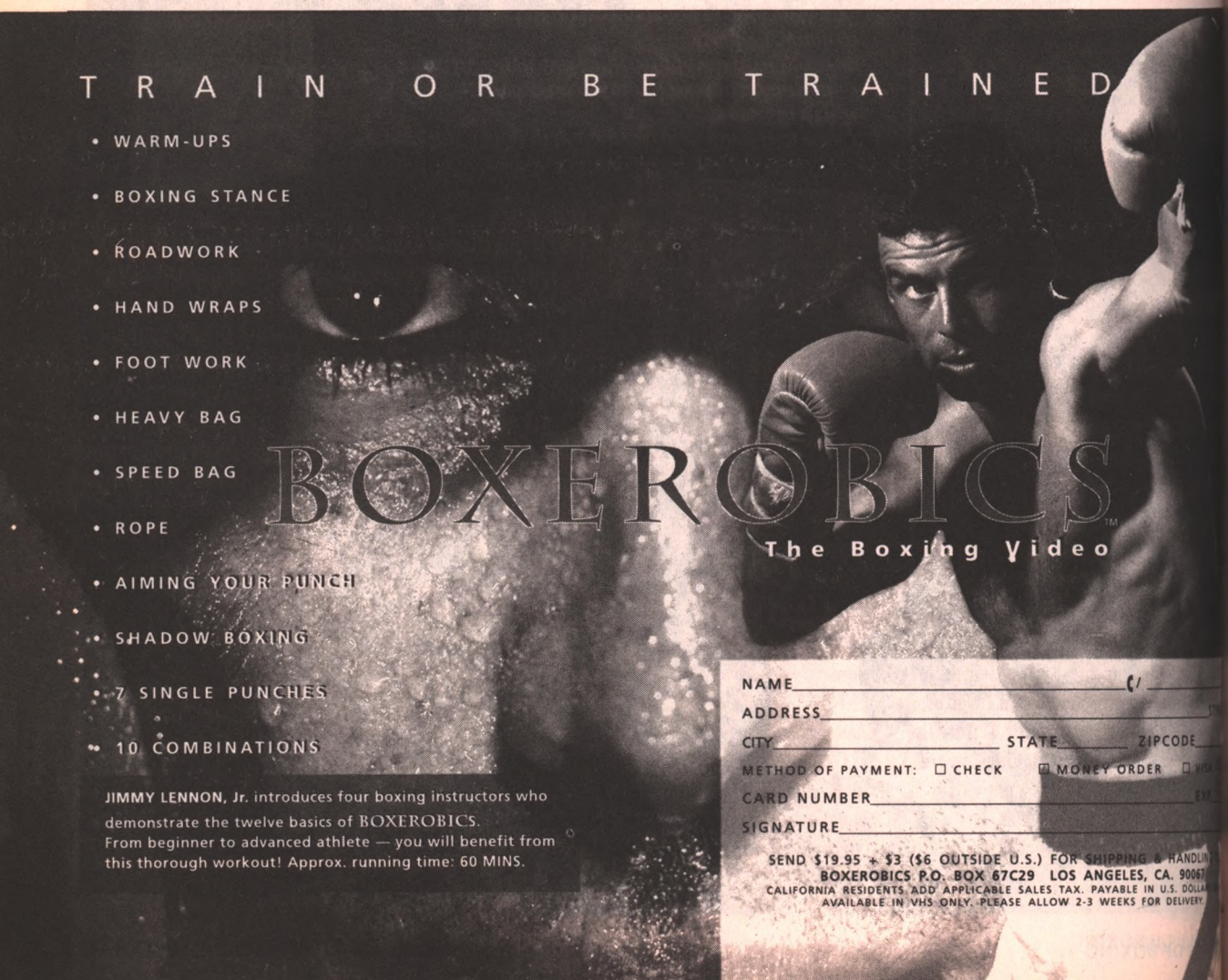
Steward has been replaced by veteran Don Turner, who trains Holmes and worked the former champion's corner when he fought Holyfield in '92. Turner is competent and has a wealth of experience, but can he adequately replace Steward on such short notice? Holyfield hired him sight unseen, stating, "I'm like a good car. I don't need to rebuild my engine, [illegible] someone to tune me up."

Whatever you say, champ. But [illegible] Indianapolis 500 is not the best place to break a new pit crew. Be careful you don't run out of gas before crossing the finish line.

Holyfield's biggest assets, his huge heart and overwhelming desire to win, could turn out to be his downfall against a puncher as powerful as Moorer. During the heat of battle, the champion risks running into one of Moorer's devastating counters. True, Holyfield has a chin of granite, but even the hardest rock will split when the mason's hammer strikes the right spot. Remember, it only took a single shot from the lightly regarded Cooper to place "Commander Vander" perilously close to disaster.

So what we have is a mercurial challenger with a knockout punch vs. a highly respected champion who is so full of himself he doesn't think it makes too much difference who trains him. It sure sounds like an anything-can-happen scenario, but it's tough to pick against Holyfield. He's been far more consistent than Moorer and has fought much better opposition.

Moorer has evolved into an if-you-don't



ther-me-I-won't-bother-you kind of fighter. er into him like a madman, a la Cooper, and 'll respond in kind. But lie back and play patty-ake and he'll be happy to go along with the ogram.

Though a couple of hard shots from Smith couraged Moorer from going for a kayo, onecrusher, another shrinking violet, never unched the sort of kamikaze attack that brings ut the beast in Moorer. And neither will olyfield. Instead, look for the champion to fight aggressive but controlled fight.

Nevertheless, somewhere along the way a ull-fledged fire-fight will erupt, and when olyfield survives Moorer's best shots, the couraged challenger will back off. And having st his psychological edge, he'll go on to lose the ight, probably by decision. But don't be too rprised if Holyfield ends matters inside the istance. If Bigfoot Martin can put Moorer on the oor, Holyfield unquestionably has the herewithal to keep him there.

As for the question of whether or not the atch will be worth paying to see, it all depends n who you're rooting for. Holyfield's fans will e satisfied customers, Moorer's won't. Folks t wanting to see a good fight may as well wait watch the replay on HBO a couple of weeks r. And those who miss out altogether can ays read about it in THE RING for just $2.50. ■

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ard to.

THE RING: How have you matured?

FR: Well, I don't run around as much as I ed to. I stay at home a lot. I spend time with y 11-year-old son. (Randall is divorced.) I st spend time doing the things I should be ing instead of wasting time. I'm grateful at I got a chance to fight for the hampionship, but I know it's not over. I'm nna give the people what they want to see xt time. I'm gonna fight just as hard.

THE RING: You waited a long time for your tle shot. Did you ever come close to retiring?

FR: Yes, three years ago. I was frustrated with not being able to get a title fight. The oney I was making wasn't making my ends eet—$5,000, $3,500, one time I got $1,500. I ever got out of those little trenches.

THE RING: This was after you were released from prison?

FR: Yeah. My first fight out I fought [Rodolfo] Aguilar over in France. After that I went to Don King. I made $1,500 for my first fight with him, but I stayed because I wanted to go with a promoter who could get me there. My time was running short. Then, after three years my ends weren't meeting and my bills were still there and I still owed taxes to the government and I was just drowning myself in sorrow over why I couldn't get a title shot. So I was just ready to give it up. I talked a lot about it in camp; a lot of the guys heard me talking about giving it up. I wanted to do better financially, and I didn't think boxing was doing it for me.

THE RING: What made you decide to stick with boxing?

FR: When I got the second fight with [Edwin] Rosario. I wanted that fight for so long, and I knew that fight would make people turn heads and look at me because he was an ex-champion and they still had hopes of him doing things. They probably had hopes of him beating me. But I knew in the back of my mind from when I fought him in 1985 that I had won the fight. So I figured I'd hang in there a little longer.

THE RING: Pre-Chavez, what was the biggest purse of your career?

FR: That was it. The Rosario fight. I was paid $20,000.

THE RING: And what did you make for the Chavez fight?

FR: I came home with about $160,000, $170,000.

THE RING: What would you guess your pay will be for the Chavez rematch?

FR: Oh, I hope it will be ... $3-million. It changes my status. Definitely puts me in a higher market, and I can't see any reason why I shouldn't get a bigger purse. I'm champion, and there ain't nothing in my contract said I have to give him a rematch. A rematch is the biggest money fight out there, so I'd say I can put those numbers on it. It's not like I had 22 fights and then fought for a title. I'm like Marvelous Marvin Hagler. It took him a long time to get a title shot. He went through hell getting there. I feel I deserve some appreciation for working so hard.

THE RING: Before the fight, did you study Chavez on film?

FR: I looked at the films a lot. I didn't see much that I could do with his style. Some of his earlier fights he was much faster, but his style was the same in every fight. I knew he'd

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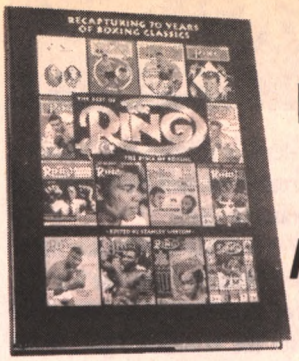

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give me that relentless pressure and I knew I had to be in great shape and really box, and that's what I was able to do.

THE RING: You watched the Whitaker fight?

FR: No, the Whitaker fight—he's a left-handed fighter and I'm a right-handed fighter. I did see the Whitaker fight [at the time] and saw some of the tactics that worked and used some of them. I boxed him, but I'm a boxer-puncher, and I was able to hit him with hard combinations.

THE RING: The controversy of the Whitaker-Chavez fight worked out well for you because you became the first fighter to officially beat Chavez.

FR: Yeah, and I beat him sound. I was happy with it. The people who tell me he thought he won nine of the 12 rounds—I looked back on the film. I know a lot of the rounds were close, but I was the one who dominated the fight, throwing the combinations. He applied the pressure, but my punches were more flush and a little harder.

THE RING: He complained after the Whitaker fight and he did the same after losing to you. Did that disappoint you? Do you think he should have been man enough to say, "Frankie Randall knocked me down and beat me"?

FR: Yeah, it took away something from me. When a guy holds the title that long and been as great a champion as he has, he can't accept a loss. But that's part of boxing. He should have known a loss was gonna come at some point in his career and been willing to accept it. That's what I would have done. Get back in there and avenge my loss and go on.

THE RING: Do you think it's accurate when the writers call him a crybaby?

FR: Yeah, and a lot of other people have called him a crybaby, too. I'm not one to say it, but I think after he looks back at the films, he'll come around. After having the title that long, I don't think he knows how to lose. You have to learn how to do that.

THE RING: Throughout the fight Chavez used a vicious body attack. I remember thinking, "Randall's going to cave in in the late rounds." But you didn't. What did that body attack feel like, and how did you survive it when other fighters have crumbled?

FR: Well, I'm a pretty tough guy. I worked hard. I did a lot of situps. I didn't leave anything behind in the gym, so I was gonna tough it out all the way. Sure, some of the body shots hurt, but I was in good condition and I wasn't gonna let anything take it away from me. I was gonna fight or get knocked out. Go out like that.

THE RING: You fought Rosario twice. How does Chavez compare in terms of power?

FR: Chavez isn't as hard a puncher. He's not a one-shot kind of guy. He's got good punching power, but I can't compare it to Rosario's. He's just got that relentless pressure and tries to take your body away from you.

THE RING: Was there ever a time when he was hitting you to the body and you saw frustration in his face, as if he were saying to himself, "Why is this guy still here?"?

FR: He's just faceless and expressionless and does the things he tries to do. But I do think he was wondering why I was still there. I was doing the same thing; I was hitting him with punches and saying to myself, "When's this guy gonna slow down?" It was a tough, hard fight. In the seventh, eighth rounds, he started slowing down. We both were.

THE RING: Did you feel the knockdown punch clinched the victory for you?

FR: I thought I had the fight won anyway. I threw a lot of combinations and knew I was hitting him with more than he was hitting me with. The knockdown wouldn't have made a difference. At least I didn't think so. When I knocked him down, I was very happy with that. I thought I won the fight tremendously then. In the 12th round, I wasn't gonna put myself in a predicament where I'd get hurt or anything. We were fighting, not boxing and running, and with the pace being what it was, the knockdown took a lot out of him.

THE RING: Given what had happened with the Whitaker-Chavez fight, tell me what was going through your head when Jimmy Lennon Jr. announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, we have a split decision ... "

FR: I was just hoping it was me. I knew in the back of my mind I had won. I had confidence in myself, but I couldn't have confidence in the judges. I was willing to accept the decision whichever way it came out. It was the first time I ever had a title shot and I was grateful to be able to have a chance to fight a great champion like Julio Cesar Chavez. And I knew the people would want to see it again if it was that close.

THE RING: Describe the knockdown.

FR: We were battling the round before and we came out for the 11th round. I had gotten a second wind; it was like I had just started the fight. I think he hit me with a low blow. Then I got position and just put my jab out there. He was beginning to get in my range. The right hand came behind it, just a quick one-two combination. I've knocked a lot of people down with my right hand, knocked a lot of people out, too.

THE RING: Chavez had never been down before. Did it cross your mind that you had just done the impossible?

FR: Just another fighter. But I just remember thinking, *Wow! I got it, I got it!*

THE RING: Did you sense you had a chance to finish him?

FR: Yeah, but you don't do that to an experienced fighter. I did that with Rosario in the second fight and I got knocked down, too, in the second round. I just took my time and tried to pick my shots. But he was hurt. Looking back on the film, I probably could have taken him out.

THE RING: How do you see the rematch unfolding?

FR: I think I'll win the fight. I think it'll be the same pace, but strategy-wise I think it'll be different on both sides. I'm gonna look back on the film and be sharper, be a better fighter.

THE RING: Will it benefit you to box him more and fight him less?

FR: No, because he has relentless pressure and boxing ain't gonna do you no good. I'm not the kind of guy who likes to box. I like to fight. I'll take my chances.

THE RING: What do you think he'll do differently?

FR: That's his problem *(laughs)*. I think he'll be more and more determined to try and take me out and try to win the fight in the early rounds. And he'll try to pick up the pace in the later rounds, but if he picks it up, I'll pick it up, too.

THE RING: Now that you're the champion, will you climb through the ropes with a little bit different attitude than you did in the first fight?

FR: No. I'll come in with the same mental attitude, knowing he's coming in to take the title.

THE RING: What part of your victory was mental and what part physical?

FR: I'd say about 65 mental and 35 physical. The mental part had a whole lot to do with it because I had a lot of things against me. The odds were against me, the people were against me, nobody knew me. But I had something to prove—that I was a worthy fighter. If it had ended early I wouldn't have shown that much. I had a lot to prove. Now I have even more to prove.

THE RING: Had you failed against Chavez, would you have viewed it as a failure of your entire career?

FR: I wouldn't have been disappointed in myself, because I had been so frustrated by not being able to get a title shot, and there I was in a title fight. Doing it as long as I had, I was the type of person who had a dream and finally saw the light. I prayed for it and had worked hard for it and would have been happy with that [just a title shot]. But I feel I would have let a lot of people down who had believed in me.

THE RING: What did you learn about yourself from the fight?

FR: That age has nothing to do with it. As long as I kept myself in good condition—I don't go around partying—I'm able to turn back the clock. I was able to do things I had done when I was 25, 26.

THE RING: And what have you learned about yourself since the fight?

FR: I've learned that I'm able to handle everything that's happened. A lot of fighters win the championship and they begin to forget their training. I've been able to stay sound with it. First of all, I thank God that I'm able to be this way. I realize my career's not over. Now this is all part of my life. ■

Gonzalez-Carbajal

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the round on two of the cards.

The last four rounds were all Gonzalez, as the Mexican moved in and out and side to side, landing solid shots while the taller Carbajal answered with dispirited jabs. Carbajal seemed to take the 10th off altogether, and in the 11th, Gonzalez, jetting forward like a rocket-powered fireplug, drove him into the ropes with a series of combinations.

Even before the final round, there was no sense of urgency in the champion's corner. It appeared Carbajal's trainer, big brother Danny, misjudged the flow, failing to recognize a desperate situation. All three judges gave rounds nine, 10, 11, and 12 to Gonzalez.

At the closing bell, both fighters raised their hands in victory, and they may have both believed it. But although Carbajal won many of the early rounds, those were all close. Gonzalez took his rounds decisively.

Mike Munoz (USA) scored 116-114 for Carbajal, but Hank Elespuru (USA) and Ray Solis (Mexico) had it 117-112 and 115-113, respectively, for Gonzalez. THE RING scored for Gonzalez by 117-114.

Two of the cards announced in the ring by Buffer were later found to be added incorrectly. A reporter who remembered his grade-school arithmetic pointed out the discrepancy to promoter Bob Arum. Fortunately, the corrected totals didn't change the outcome, so there was no need for a reverse ruling followed by a riot.

"I felt I won the fight," Carbajal said. "But I have no excuses. The judges saw it another way. What can I say?"

What he did say, repeatedly, was "I want a rematch," followed at least once by "he better give me a rematch." He vowed to put on more pressure next time. "I praise him," Carbajal said. "He's the champion now." Gonzalez had equally kind words for his adversary.

As the doctor stitched Gonzalez, Arum was already planning a third bout. "I expect it'll be in Las Vegas," he said. To the credit of Gonzalez and his handlers, none of them appeared to even contemplate ducking a third Carbajal fight. There was no lame, fork-tongued pontification about weighing their options, or any of the other bleating nonsense so often heard from the winning side after a close contest. Both camps automatically assumed there would be yet another and no doubt decisive match. Because that's the right thing to do. And these are both tough little guys. ■

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Terry Norris

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says he doesn't necessarily blame Elias for Terry's loss to Brown: "When a fighter gets knockout after knockout like Terry was getting, he tends to go flat-footed. It's less work." Then he adds thoughtfully, "But Rudy might not know how well Terry can do."

Orlin has tried to discuss this with Terry. "But I can only say so much," he says. "We're not in the same camp like we used to be."

Both camps praise the other fighter's abilities, but there's bad blood in this, too. Sanchez wonders, *Is Elias really training Terry? Or is Terry training Terry?*

Terry contends Sanchez exaggerates his talents as a trainer and knows little about negotiating. Sanchez doesn't think much of

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Sayatovich, period. Orlin accuses Sayatovich, who is his former manager, of taking him for granted. And Terry says Sanchez wanted to take over everything.

There's more: Sanchez complains that he stayed with Terry through all the $600 prelims and beyond. Then he worked a $1-million fight, against Meldrick Taylor, only to get bounced, missing out on most of the gravy.

"I can't tell Orlin what to do with his life," Terry says. "But I think he's making a big mistake [having Sanchez as his manager]."

It requires an oversized scorecard to keep track of all the accusations and counter-accusations. The bottom line is that Terry, Orlin, Sayatovich, and Sanchez are no longer together.

The one unifying factor in all this is Orlin Norris Sr., a quiet, cheerful man who works in and gets credit from both corners. Meanwhile, the brothers train in their respective gyms, keeping some distance. Each has his own family, his own cares, his own future to think about. But each asks after the other: "How's he doing?"

And Terry asks, "What did Orlin have to say about me?"

Nothing bad, Terry. Nothing bad. ■

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Paul Pender

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a brief moment, Boston was in a fistic fixation. According to DeMarco, the fighters were bigger than the Celtics.

"It was a much more active sport in Boston years ago," said DeMarco. "New York was the major city for boxing. But Boston wasn't overlooked. Up here, boxing was more popular than basketball or hockey. We were always in demand. In those days, Boston always had a few good main-eventers."

The glory didn't last long. DeMarco was dethroned by Carmen Basilio less than two months into his reign. Before the year ended, Basilio would knock out the beloved DeMarco in a rematch at Boston Garden. Then, in A 1956, Marciano announced his retirement.

Providence's Harold Gomes fought ofte Boston and captured the world ju lightweight title in 1959. Again, success fleeting. Gomes lost the belt to Flash Elord his first defense.

Still, a reservoir of talented fighters l and trained in Boston, and large crowds flock to places like the Boston Arena, Mecha Hall, and the Boston Garden to watch th war.

In 1960, Pender beat Sugar Ray Robin for the middleweight title, Skeeter McC took home a gold medal from the R Olympics, Tom McNeely was a year aw from challenging heavyweight champion Fl Patterson, and Joe DeNucci was nearing middleweight top 10.

"I grew up emulating guys like To DeMarco and Paul Pender," said DeNucci almost ended up fighting Paul. He was g good and I was ready to make a mov worshipped Paul like a hero when I was a k But our managers didn't get along and the fi never came off."

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was the ideal Boston matchup. Their high
ol football teams were arch-rivals who still
each other every Thanksgiving. That
er was Irish and DeNucci Italian didn't
Ethnic matchups and inter-city rivalries,
g's formula for success in the Golden
kept everyone in Boston interested in the

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Paul Pender was a high school football star,
arine, a fireman, and the middleweight
pion of the world. He is clearly a brave
courageous man. A stand-up guy. Yet there
stigma, like a scarlet letter, affixed to his
record. Critics say Pender shied away from
. He was a safety-first fighter. A retreating
who couldn't punch.

But there is proof to the contrary. It sits
on Pender's face. It's a pug's nose.
fully bent and pushed in, it adds a rugged
to a man with the distinguished look of a
cian. If Pender was afraid to mix, how did
get that nose?

"Paul boxed more than he punched toward
end," said DeNucci. "He was a real good
er. I boxed him in the gym. When he hit
, you knew it."

Pender turned pro in 1949 and opened his
er with 12 knockouts in his first 22 fights.
ries of injuries to his right hand forced him
tire in 1953. He returned to the ring a year
and won four of five fights, a split decision
Gene Fullmer accounting for the loss. By
57, his brittle hands forced him to retire
and he took a job as a Brookline fireman.

After Pender managed to kayo an obnoxious
k in a Boston tavern without damaging his
t hand, he was inspired to fight again and
ed 23 months of inactivity. After nine
ght victories, he was given a shot at the 39-
r-old Robinson, who, in 1960, was
gnized as champion by THE RING, New
k, Massachusetts, Europe, and the Orient.
NBA and 48 other states recognized
mer.

Many cite Robinson's advanced age as the
son for Pender's victory. Indeed, Robinson
d already retired once, and his right hand,
ce a pin-straight bullet, now traveled in a
g arc. But Pender came into the fight as a 5-
nderdog. To the bookies, it was an out-bet.
ou couldn't even make a wager on Robinson.
nd the majority of the boxing media,
cluding several Boston scribes, picked
obinson to win. He did not. With both hands
oken by round seven, Pender outboxed the
ster to earn a split decision and the title. In a rematch six months later, Pender won another split decision.

"He's the most underrated champ we've ever had," said Wood, his words dripping with bitterness. "He never gets the recognition he deserves. People don't like to see artists in there. He was a guy who could move his head half an inch and make a guy miss."

In 1961, Pender defended the title with a decision over a 34-year-old Basilio, becoming the first man to floor the two-division champion. Then he scored a seventh-round TKO over England's Terry Downes. Whatever history might say about Pender, there is no refuting that he is the only man to floor Basilio and defeat Robinson in consecutive fights.

"Pender had very good boxing skills," said Miami-based historian Hank Kaplan. "He used them well. He was an exceptional defensive fighter. He could have hung in there with most middleweights of his time. But timeliness was in his favor. He had youth when some of his opponents didn't."

DeMarco was more succinct in his assessment: "He was the only guy to beat Robinson twice in a row. That says enough."

In July 1961, Pender, lured by a $100,000 payday, was rematched with Downes in London. He entered the fight a 7-4 favorite. Ahead on points, Pender refused to answer the bell for the 10th round because of a cut above his left eye. He was sharply criticized for relinquishing the title on his stool. Some speculated that Pender purposely lost because he knew he could have an easy payday by beating Downes in a rematch. Nine months later, Pender did exactly that. He made $40,000 and regained the title by unanimous decision.

A series of intriguing fights awaited him. Among Pender's potential opponents were Fullmer, Dick Tiger, Joey Giardello, Joey Archer, and Jose Torres. In each instance, however, the appropriate finances could not be gathered and none of those fights took place.

In November 1962, the New York State Athletic Commission stripped Pender for failing to observe the six-month rule, which stated a champion had to make a title defense within that period. Claiming more than one planned title defense fell through, he won a court victory against the NYSAC and his title was briefly restored. Then, in 1963, Pender failed to comply with a NYSAC mandate that he defend against Joey Giambra and he was stripped again. Only Massachusetts continued

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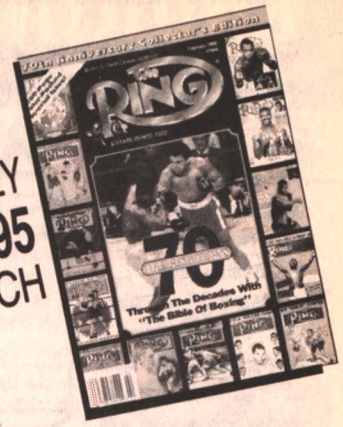

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Paul Pender

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to recognize him as world champion. Disgusted with the politics of boxing, he announced his retirement.

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If boxing history is to remember Pender's triumphs, it will also have to remember him as an outspoken non-conformist. One month before challenging Robinson for the title, he called for a five-year ban on boxing. "I have lost all confidence in the sport," he said at the time. "What is needed is a five-year suspension period to clean out shady characters ... Abolition is the only answer to the sordid mess the sport is in now."

When Pender's comments reached the tabloids, the Massachusetts commission voted to censure him. He came under criticism for pointing an accusing finger at a sport he willingly participated in, a sport that provided him with healthy purses.

"He was an outspoken guy who said what was on his mind," said DeNucci. "That may have hurt him with the insiders. He didn't always say the politically correct thing."

In fact, he rarely did. Consider these statements:

After dismissing his longtime manager, John Buckley: "I was a kid in the hands of a callous man who was making a living off of me."

In 1962: "Why do I hate boxing? So many people in it are thieves and crooks out to cheat everybody. And besides, the brutality of it is unreal."

Pender was reminded of these quotes while sitting with his family at the Ring 4 dinner. He smiled at the memory, and perhaps the brazenness with which he disdained boxing.

"I don't know what the hell I was saying that stuff about," he said. "But boxing will never come to an end. Too many people need the money."

Pender left the sport in the same indifferent manner in which he entered it. He insisted he made the right choice by not heading for the gridiron, but he left boxing without remorse or regret.

"I had enough money behind me so I could retire," said Pender, who subsequently developed various business interests and worked as an athletic director at Norfolk Pri in Massachusetts. "I think the time to retire when you are on top. The only thing that ev mattered to me as far as fighting was t money. I'd fight anyone for the right money."

As he recalled his career, his wife Rose next to him. She is soft-spoken, yet firm supportive of her husband. They were hi school sweethearts, and after witnessing hi lose a fight in 1951, she never attended anothe From afar, she endured the glory, the pain, a the controversy.

Now there is more to endure. Sever weeks after the Ring 4 dinner, Pender ha major surgery to remove a potentially life threatening abdominal aortic aneurism. He wa hospitalized for 12 days and has apparentl recovered.

It is difficult for Pender to deal with wha is happening to him. The former champion ha days when Alzheimer's defeats him. It send him into mood swings or memory lapses. H knows something is wrong but, according t Wood, can't figure out what it is. His famil has enlisted several neurological specialists t help him.

"It's really the type of thing you notice onl on a day-to-day basis when you are with him," said daughter Roseanne. "You won't notice it a superficial meeting. When he goes out wit my mom, he's fine. He's good at faking it."

That last statement is a testament t Pender's will. He's still fighting. Althoug some doctors won't readily link the disease t boxing—it afflicts many aging people wh never boxed a round—Alzheimer's has sadl imposed itself on the lives of many fighters. Before the great Robinson passed away i 1989, it claimed him as a victim, too.

In most cases, the invincibility tha accompanies youth prevents fighters from looking beyond the next fight. Or the nex comeback. But even if they do, there is no way to prepare for an opponent like Alzheimer's. It is the cruelest blow a boxer can be dea simply because he is defenseless against it. The disease comes like a thief in the night and robs these men of their history, their glory and their peace.

"I have no regrets," Pender said in October. "Everything I wanted, I accomplished. Everything was perfect."

On some days, it still is.

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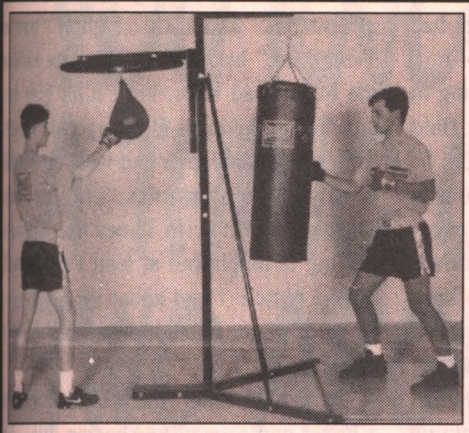

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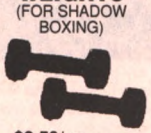

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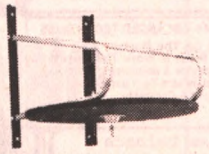

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Kickboxers

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he felt he'd be better off in the kickboxing ring, where he piled up an impressive streak of knockouts. However, he always kept one foot in the boxing world and at one point worked as a sparring partner for Bonecrusher Smith.

Though Lewis never went the boxing route, Howard Jackson did. A protege of karate champion and movie star Chuck Norris, Jackson was the number-one karate fighter in the country in the early-'70s, the first lightweight to be ranked as such. He went into kickboxing in 1976, but lost a controversial fight to champion Benny Urquidez. Jackson said Urquidez, one of the first kickboxers to train with boxers, hit him on the break, which led to Jackson being stopped. From that moment, Jackson devoted himself to winning a rematch, and he sought boxing instruction to improve his hands.

"I worked out with an older guy who had been a professional featherweight," said Jackson. "We got in the ring to spar and I didn't want to hurt him. I hit him with a controlled punch and stopped the way we do in karate. He gave me this funny look and said, 'All right, boy,' and hit me with a right hand-left hook combination that had my head ringing for days."

While Jackson had trouble adjusting to the concept of pacing, as well as the fluid combination punching found in boxing, he possessed uncanny speed, which allowed him to quickly close the distance on his opponent. Considered the fastest karate fighter of his day (prior to a severe knee injury), he rarely bothered to jab his way in, instead merely feinting and then exploding with a powerpunch. It worked well enough for him to win the USBA welterweight title and climb as high as number six in the world.

Jackson's big moment came against Larry Bonds in an eliminator to determine who would meet a certain champion named Ray Leonard. Bonds won a split decision and Jackson went back to kicking people in the head. He fought several times in Japan, making more money than he had in boxing.

Jackson said kickboxing, as done in Asia, was actually the tougher sport.

"The most brutal fight I ever had was against a Japanese fighter named Tamashiro," he recalled. "He kept kicking me in my bad knee, but I'd hit him four punches in the head for every kick. Once I fought over in Japan and went 10 rounds with six-ounce gloves, and you were allowed to hit with knees and elbows. Boxing is tough, but at least I could walk after a match. I had about six kickboxing matches where I couldn't stand up the next day."

Jackson finished with a 26-6-1 record as a boxer and several kickboxing titles. But he never got another shot at Urquidez, which still rankles him. He said boxing was

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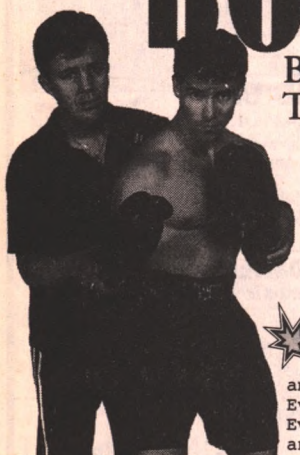

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Kickboxers

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the classier, less politicized of the sports. Who would have thought someone would ever say that about *boxing*?

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Quickie quiz: Who was the first person to hold world titles in boxing and kickboxing? The answer is Graciela Casillas, who held the women's bantamweight kickboxing and boxing championships in the early-'80s.

After Jackson, no *male* kickboxer had any real success in boxing—though many tried—until Dorsey. Known to boxing fans as a brawler with a strong chin, Dorsey was actually considered something of a technician in kickboxing, with an array of fancy spinning kicks.

A noted karate champion in his home state of Texas, Dorsey began kickboxing in 1979. In 1982, he wandered into Dave Gorman's gym hoping to improve his punching ability. After working as a sparring partner for world-class fighters Steve Cruz and Harold Petty, Dorsey felt he, too, could become a top boxer. He took whatever bouts he could get in either sport and ended up winning featherweight crowns in both.

Though he's taken his share of punishment as a boxer, Dorsey said the sport is no tougher than kickboxing.

"Kicking is tough on the forearms and shins," he said. "A kick is at least four times more powerful than a punch. But because you box at such close range, your face looks worse afterward."

(Dorsey should know. He recently had surgery to file down his brow bone to prevent the severe cuts that have hampered him throughout his career.)

Despite being considered one of the best kickboxers ever, Dorsey's top purse in that sport was only $15,000. That's compared to a career-best $70,000 as a boxer. That's the main reason even championship kickboxers come to boxing.

Warring followed Dorsey's lead. After winning the heavyweight kickboxing championships of several organizations, Warring entered boxing and captured the IBF cruiserweight title in only his 13th pro bout. Now campaigning as a heavyweight boxer, Warring said he always found kickboxing the tougher sport. "Hey, in kickboxing you have to worry about four things," he said. "In boxing your opponent can only hit you with two things."

But Warring acknowledged the level of competition is much higher in boxing. While there might be a handful of world-class kickboxers, in boxing every division has at least two or three high-quality fighters. Nonetheless, kickboxers continue to try to cross over into boxing. Their success depends on learning to fight like a boxer and not a kickboxer.

"Combinations were definitely the toughest adjustment," said Dorsey. "In kickboxing I could use my feet to set up my hands, but not anymore."

Lewis, who now travels around the world giving karate seminars that sound more like advanced classes in boxing science, said boxers think on a more sophisticated level than kickboxers.

"Boxers are more scientific," he said. "They're able to employ multiple principles like controlling the rhythm of a fight and setting up an opponent, whereas kickboxers don't go through that analytical process. The sport hasn't been around as long, so the fighters aren't as knowledgeable."

Fortunately, none of the kickboxer/boxers has ever forgot where he was and kicked an opponent in the boxing ring. Jackson did admit, however, to knocking out opposing trainer Jesse Reid with a kick in a brawl following one of his bouts.

Most of the fighters did agree there were benefits in coming from a martial arts background into boxing. Flexibility, leg strength, and discipline were shared attributes that helped them overcome late entries into pro boxing. And while there is no proof kickboxing helped Saleta, as Dundee put it, "It sure didn't hurt him any."

Coming from such a deeply rooted traditionalist, that's a ringing endorsement. ▮

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Boxing Collector's Notebook

By Don Scott

One collectible that has become very popular the past few years is the limited edition print. A variety of artists with varying amounts of talent has produced these poster-sized prints in a variety of sports, boxing included.

But what are they and how rare are they?

Firstly, you should know that prints and engravings have been with us since at least the 1700s. Back then, they were made one at a time from wood-cut blocks or metal plates. A piece of paper was pressed against the inked original plate, and each copy differed slightly from the next. Early copies were more distinct. Number one of 500, for instance, was better than number 495 of 500. Many of these prints were then hand-colored. The subject: bare-knucklers stripped to the waist, with their biographies, or just their names, lettered below.

Old prints can be found in some book stores and antique shops. Some are original and some are copies of originals. In general, copies can be detected with the use of a strong magnifying glass. Zoom in and you'll see the shaded and colored spots are simply a field of tiny dots. Not so with hand-colored prints. Old prints of bare-knucklers can be found for $200 to $500, depending on the subject. From 1888 to 1894, *The Police Gazette* and *New York Illustrated News* produced prints of such subjects as John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett, which may run you $500 to $1,200 or more, depending on rarity and condition.

But what about that limited edition print of Ali you just saw at a sports collectible show? Nowadays, most prints are made exactly like posters, and though called "lithographs," are still produced on computers and run off like copies from a Xerox machine. All prints should be exactly alike, no matter what their number, because they're not pressed against a plate. They are as alike as two covers of the same issue of THE RING.

Some prints are still made the old way, however, and should cost much more, but most sports collectors really don't care. In sports collecting, what matters is the look of the piece, the autograph (if present), and the rarity. As for the rarity, in the old days the plate would be scratched to prevent subsequent copies after the last print was made. Even then, copies would sometimes be made from the scratched plate as "re-strikes." Today, an artist can make as many copies from his original art as he or she wants. And it can be done at almost any print shop. Artists who produce limited edition prints and then increase the run, however, will get a bad reputation and lose credibility. As a result, most won't do it, even if they've sold out.

My advice: Buy what looks good. Buy what's signed by the artist and athlete, and forget rarity. Most sports prints are not good investments, and you will simply not know which will appreciate and which won't. Forget the investment potential and start worrying about how the print is going to look next to the drapes. Or whether it should replace the picture of Granny over the fireplace.

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This column has been running for some time now. I appreciate your response. Write to THE RING and tell me what you want to see featured in this space. ■

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Worldwide Ratings

WBC
as of January

WBA
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IBF
as of February

HEAVYWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lennox Lewis (GB)	C	–	–
Evander Holyfield (USA)	–	C	C
Oliver McCall (USA)	1	2	2
Tony Tucker (USA)	2	3	3
Lionel Butler (USA)	3	–	–
Phil Jackson (USA)	4	7	11
Joe Hipp (USA)	5	–	–
Corrie Sanders (SA)	6	9	6
Larry Holmes (USA)	7	–	–
Frank Bruno (GB)	8	12	–
Jorge Luis Gonzalez (CUBA)	9	11	–
Henry Akinwande (GB)	10	10	9
Michael Moorer (USA)	–	1	1
Riddick Bowe (USA)	–	4	4
Herbie Hide (GB)	–	5	7
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	15	6	–
Alex Stewart (JAM)	12	8	–
Bruce Seldon (USA)	11	–	5
George Foreman (USA)	–	–	8
Buster Mathis (USA)	21	–	10

CRUISERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	–	–
Orlin Norris (USA)	–	C	–
Alfred Cole (USA)	–	–	C
Thomas Hearns (USA)	1	3	6
Norbert Ekassi (CAM)	2	5	8
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	3	12	–
Robert Daniels (USA)	4	6	9
Akim Tafer (FRA)	5	10	–
Kenny Keene (USA)	6	8	11
Jade Scott (USA)	7	–	7
Adolpho Washington (USA)	8	–	4
Michael Gale (GB)	9	–	–
Marcelo Dominguez (ARG)	10	–	–
Arthur Williams (USA)	–	1	3
Bobby Czyz (USA)	–	2	–
Nate Miller (USA)	–	4	1
James Warring (USA)	14	7	–
Marcelo Figueroa (ARG)	13	9	–
Uriah Grant (USA)	12	–	2
Richard Mason (USA)	11	–	5
Przemyslaw Saleta (POL)	15	–	10

LT. HEAVYWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	–	–
Virgil Hill (USA)	–	C	–
Henry Maske (GER)	–	–	C
Randall Yonker (USA)	1	6	–
Frank Tate (USA)	2	1	4
Egerton Marcus (CAN)	3	10	3
Mike McCallum (JAM)	4	–	6
Eddy Smulders (HOLL)	5	3	8
Charles Williams (USA)	6	–	2
Ernest Mateen (USA)	7	–	9
Fabrice Tiozzo (FRA)	8	4	7
Darius Michalczewski (POL)	9	7	5
Crawford Ashley (GB)	10	8	12
Wang Sup Lee (KOR)	20	2	–
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	12	5	11
Ernie Magdaleno (USA)	–	9	1
John Scully (USA)	–	–	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Nigel Benn (GB)	C	–	–
Michael Nunn (USA)	–	C	–
James Toney (USA)	–	–	C
Henry Wharton (GB)	1	6	5
Frank Liles (USA)	2	2	7
Tony Byrd (USA)	3	3	3
Ray Close (GB)	4	–	8
Vincenzo Nardiello (ITA)	5	11	9
James Cook (GB)	6	8	–
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	7	–	–
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	8	–	–
Tony Thornton (USA)	9	–	6
Kenny Bowman (USA)	10	–	–
Tim Littles (USA)	–	1	1
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	20	4	12
Iran Barkley (USA)	–	5	–
Mauricio Amaral (BRA)	–	7	–
Steve Little (USA)	–	9	2
Byun Gin Kang (KOR)	–	10	–
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	–	–	4
Merqui Sosa (DR)	27	–	10

MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Gerald McClellan (USA)	C	–	–
John David Jackson (USA)	–	C	–
Roy Jones (USA)	–	–	C
Lamar Parks (USA)	1	1	5
Julian Jackson (VI)	2	7	3
Thomas Tate (USA)	3	–	1
Otis Grant (CAN)	4	11	4
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	5	–	–
Steve Collins (IRE)	6	4	–
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Roberto Duran (PAN)	8	9	12
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	9	3	2
Neville Brown (GB)	10	–	9
Reggie Johnson (USA)	11	2	7
Jorge Castro (ARG)	–	5	–
Segundo Mercado (ECU)	16	6	6
Shinji Takehara (JAP)	23	8	–
Mike McCallum (JAM)	–	10	–
Joe Lipsey (USA)	12	12	8
Charles Brewer (USA)	22	–	10

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Simon Brown (USA)	C	–	–
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	–	C	–
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	–	–	C
Terry Norris (USA)	1	9	3
Carl Daniels (USA)	2	4	2
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	3	–	12
Vincent Pettway (USA)	4	7	1
Ronald Wright (USA)	5	2	5
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Aaron Davis (USA)	11	3	11
Armand Picar (PHIL)	30	5	–
Javier Castillejo (SPA)	13	6	–
Ahmat Dottuev (RUS)	29	10	–
Gilberto Barreto (COL)	–	–	6
John Montes (USA)	20	–	7
Paul Vaden (USA)	21	–	9
Bernard Razzano (FRA)	–	11	10

WELTERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	–	–
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	–	C	–
Felix Trinidad (PR)	–	–	C
Santos Cardona (PR)	1	–	–
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	2	2	1
James McGirt (USA)	3	10	6
Oba Carr (USA)	4	–	4
Larry Barnes (USA)	5	6	2
Gary Jacobs (GB)	6	5	–
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	7	8	9
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Gert Jacobsen (DEN)	–	3	–
Jung Oh Park (KOR)	11	4	–
Freddy Ladd (USA)	–	7	–
Andrew Murray (GUY)	13	9	5
David Gonzalez (USA)	17	–	8
Harold Brazier (USA)	14	–	10

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Frankie Randall (USA)	C	–	–
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	–	C	–
Charles Murray (USA)	–	–	C
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	1	1	5
David Kamau (USA)	2	10	–
Konya Tszyu (RUS)	3	–	1
Andy Holligan (GB)	4	12	–
Jerry Gamache (USA)	5	3	–
Tony Lopez (USA)	6	–	–
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	–	–
Carlos Gonzalez (MEX)	8	–	–
Hector Lopez (MEX)	9	–	–
Christian Merle (FRA)	10	2	–
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Javier Gonzalez (COL)	–	6	–
Lorenzo Garza (USA)	27	7	–
Won Park (KOR)	–	8	–
Hugo Pineda (COL)	15	9	11
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Rodney Moore (USA)	22	–	3
Pedro Padilla (COL)	–	–	4
Angel Hernandez (PR)	–	–	6
Meryll Tyson (USA)	20	–	7
Rafael Pineda (COL)	–	–	8
Roger Mayweather (USA)	24	–	9
Luis Rodriguez (USA)	19	–	10

LIGHTWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Miguel Angel Gonzalez (MEX)	C	–	–
Yasuvo Okzubek (JAP)	–	C	–
Fred Pendleton (USA)	–	–	C
Alexander Johnson (USA)	1	2	3
Dharmba Mitchell (USA)	2	1	7
Jean Baptist Mendy (FRA)	3	4	4
Miguel Julio (COL)	4	8	2
Ramon Marchena (MEX)	5	–	–
David Sample (USA)	6	–	–
Jorge Paez (MEX)	7	–	–
Dingaan Thobela (SA)	8	5	8
Billy Schwer (GB)	9	–	12
Ricardo Silva (ARG)	10	–	–
Hernan Tejeda (ARG)	–	3	–
Gabriel Ruelas (USA)	–	6	1
Tony Lopez (USA)	–	7	9
Paul Griffith (USA)	12	9	11
Eduardo Molina (COL)	24	10	5
Orlando Marimon (COL)	–	–	6
Mike Evgen (USA)	–	–	10

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Joshua Nelson (GHA)	C	–	–
Cesaro Hernandez (USA)	–	C	–
Julio-John Molina (PR)	–	–	C
Gabriel Ruelas (USA)	1	5	4
Jose Leija (USA)	2	–	–
Calvin Grove (USA)	3	–	2
Tommy Garcia (COL)	4	–	–
Jacobus Yoma (FRA)	5	7	7
Regilio Tuur (HOLL)	6	–	10
Tony Pep (CAN)	7	–	–
Ted Hopson (USA)	8	–	5
Eugene Speed (USA)	9	–	9
Victor Hugo Paz (ARG)	10	3	–
Marcos Guevara (VEN)	18	1	–
Tommy Garcia (COL)	–	2	–
Oscar De La Hoya (USA)	–	4	6
Donald Warren (USA)	16	6	–
Dong Soo Choi (KOR)	–	8	–
Wilson Rodriguez (DR)	13	9	1
Omar Murphy (USA)	–	10	–
Moises Pedroza (COL)	–	–	3
Bernard Taylor (USA)	–	–	8

FEATHERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Kevin Kelley (USA)	C	–	–
Jose Rojas (VEN)	–	C	–
Juan Johnson (USA)	–	–	C
Oscar Soto (MEX)	1	–	–
Gregorio Vargas (MEX)	2	–	–
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	3	7	5
Javier Beleno (COL)	4	–	3
Hector Lizarraga (USA)	5	–	–
Chris Saguid (PHIL)	6	8	–
Francisco Segura (USA)	7	11	2
Tony Green (USA)	8	–	4
Jung Kyun Park (KOR)	9	2	–
Jose Vida Ramos (DR)	10	–	–
Luis Mendoza (COL)	–	1	–
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	–	3	–
Orlando Soto (PAN)	–	4	1
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	–	5	–
Jesse Leija (USA)	–	6	–
Sean Murphy (GB)	–	9	–
Stephane Haccoun (FRA)	13	10	–
Alejandro Gonzalez (MEX)	–	–	6
Jose Badillo (PR)	–	–	7
Harold Warren (USA)	–	–	8
Fernando Rodriguez (USA)	–	–	9
Ole Kiatwanway (THAI)	–	–	10

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Tracy Patterson (USA)	C	–	–
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	–	C	–
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	–	–	C
Julio Gervacio (DR)	1	–	3
Yuichi Kasai (JAP)	2	2	–
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	3	–	–
Freddy Cruz (DR)	4	–	–
Jesse Benavides (USA)	5	8	–
Jesus Salud (USA)	6	–	8
Yong Woon Park (KOR)	7	–	–
Jose Rincones (VEN)	8	9	7
Richard Duran (USA)	9	–	–
Rudy Zavala (USA)	10	12	11
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	–	1	–
Antonio Cermeno (VEN)	18	3	–
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	–	4	–
Arnulfo Romero (PAN)	28	5	–
Welcome Ncita (SA)	–	6	1
Hiroaki Yokota (JAP)	15	7	–
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	20	10	–
Nurhuda (INDO)	–	–	2
Pablo Ozuna (COL)	–	–	4
Maui Diaz (USA)	24	–	5
Cesar Soto (MEX)	–	–	6
Cesar Polanco (DR)	–	–	9
Vuyani Bungu (SA)	–	–	10

BANTAMWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Yasuei Yakushiji (JAP)	C	–	–
Junior Jones (USA)	–	C	–
Orlando Canizales (USA)	–	–	C
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	1	–	–
Jung Il Byun (KOR)	2	10	–
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	3	1	3
Wayne McCullough (IRE)	4	12	–
Eliecer Julio (COL)	5	3	10
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	6	2	–
Dong Choon Lee (KOR)	7	–	–
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	8	9	–
John Armour (GB)	9	–	–
Drew Docherty (GB)	10	–	–
Eddie Cook (USA)	–	4	5
Abraham Torres (VEN)	27	5	9
Nana Konadu (GHA)	–	6	–
In Joo Cho (KOR)	19	7	–
Frank Toledo (USA)	–	8	12
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	–	–	1
Harold Mestre (COL)	12	11	2
Lauren Ramirez (SPA)	–	–	4
Ricardo Vargas (MEX)	13	–	6
Derrick Whiteboy (SA)	29	–	7
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	–	–	8

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	C	–	–
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	–	C	–
Julio Borboa (MEX)	–	–	C
Marco A. Barrera (MEX)	1	–	7
Carlos Salazar (ARG)	2	5	–
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	3	–	–
Josefino Suarez (MEX)	4	–	–
Hiroshi Kawashima (JAP)	5	7	–
Nana Konadu (GHA)	6	–	–
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	7	–	–
Khaoyai Mahasarakam (THAI)	8	2	–
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	9	9	–
Cuauhtemoc Gomez (MEX)	10	–	–
Hyung Chul Lee (KOR)	12	1	–
Ernesto Briceno (VEN)	–	3	–
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	–	4	–
Ernie Cataluna (PHIL)	–	6	–
Ricardo Vargas (MEX)	–	8	–
Ivan Morales (PR)	–	10	–
San Sor Pleonchit (THAI)	–	–	1
Harold Gray (COL)	–	–	2
Robert Quiroga (USA)	–	–	3
Ferid Ben Jeddou (TUN)	–	–	4
Joel Luna (MEX)	–	–	5
Carlos Mercado (COL)	–	–	6
Ja Ji Sabali (SA)	–	–	8
John Johnson (USA)	11	–	9
Rolando Bohol (PHIL)	–	–	10

FLYWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Yuri Arbachakov (RUS)	C	–	–
David Griman (VEN)	–	C	–
Phichit Sithbangprachan (THAI)	–	–	C
Hugo Soto (ARG)	1	12	–
Chatchai Elite-Gym (THAI)	2	–	–
Alberto Jimenez (MEX)	3	–	–
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	4	–	8
Enrique Orozco (MEX)	5	–	–
Mark Johnson (USA)	6	–	4
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	7	–	–
Scotty Olson (USA)	8	–	2
Danny Nunez (DR)	9	–	–
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	10	–	–
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	22	1	–
Evangelino Perez (PAN)	–	2	–
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	14	3	–
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	15	4	–
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	20	5	–
San Sor Pleonchit (THAI)	–	6	–
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	–	7	–
Jose Luis Zepeda (MEX)	–	8	1
Chokchai Chorniwat (THAI)	24	9	–
Jose Bonilla (VEN)	19	10	–
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	–	–	3
Abdi Pohan (INDO)	–	–	5
Robbie Regan (GB)	12	11	6
Alfred Kotey (GHA)	–	–	7
Danny Romero (USA)	13	–	9
Arthur Johnson (USA)	–	–	10

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Michael Carbajal (USA)	C	–	C
Leo Gamez (VEN)	–	C	–
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	1	6	4
Javier Varguez (MEX)	2	–	–
Jesus Chong (MEX)	3	7	–
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	4	8	7
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	5	–	–
Fahlan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	6	4	2
Victor Villanueva (MEX)	7	–	–
Narciso Rodriguez (DR)	8	–	–
Miguel Angel Granados (MEX)	9	–	–
Manuel de Jesus Herrera (DR)	10	–	–
Juan A. Torres (PAN)	–	1	1
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	17	2	–
Virgilio Chifundo (PAN)	22	3	–
Shiro Yahiro (JAP)	14	5	11
Kwang Sun Kim (KOR)	11	9	10
Yong Jim Kim (KOR)	20	10	–
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	–	–	3
Robinson Cuesta (PAN)	–	–	5
Leon Salazar (PAN)	–	–	6
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	–	–	8
Marcos Pacheco (MEX)	25	–	9

STRAWWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	–	–
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	–	C	–
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	–	–	C
Kermin Guardia (COL)	1	4	–
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	2	5	7
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	3	–	–
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	4	3	1
Toto Pow Phongasawang (THAI)	5	–	–
Jin Ho Kim (KOR)	6	2	–
Saman Sor Jaturong (THAI)	7	6	–
Rocky Lin (JAP)	8	–	12
Seo Kjin Yang (KOR)	9	8	–
Jack Russell (AUSTRAL)	10	–	–
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	–	1	9
Ronnie Magramo (PHIL)	19	7	6
Kusuo Eguchi (JAP)	11	9	–
Pichitnoi Sithbangprachan (THAI)	27	10	2
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	–	–	3
Onewin Chareon (THAI)	–	–	4
Felix Naranjo (COL)	–	–	5
Rafael Torres (DR)	–	–	8
Oscar Flores (COL)	–	–	10

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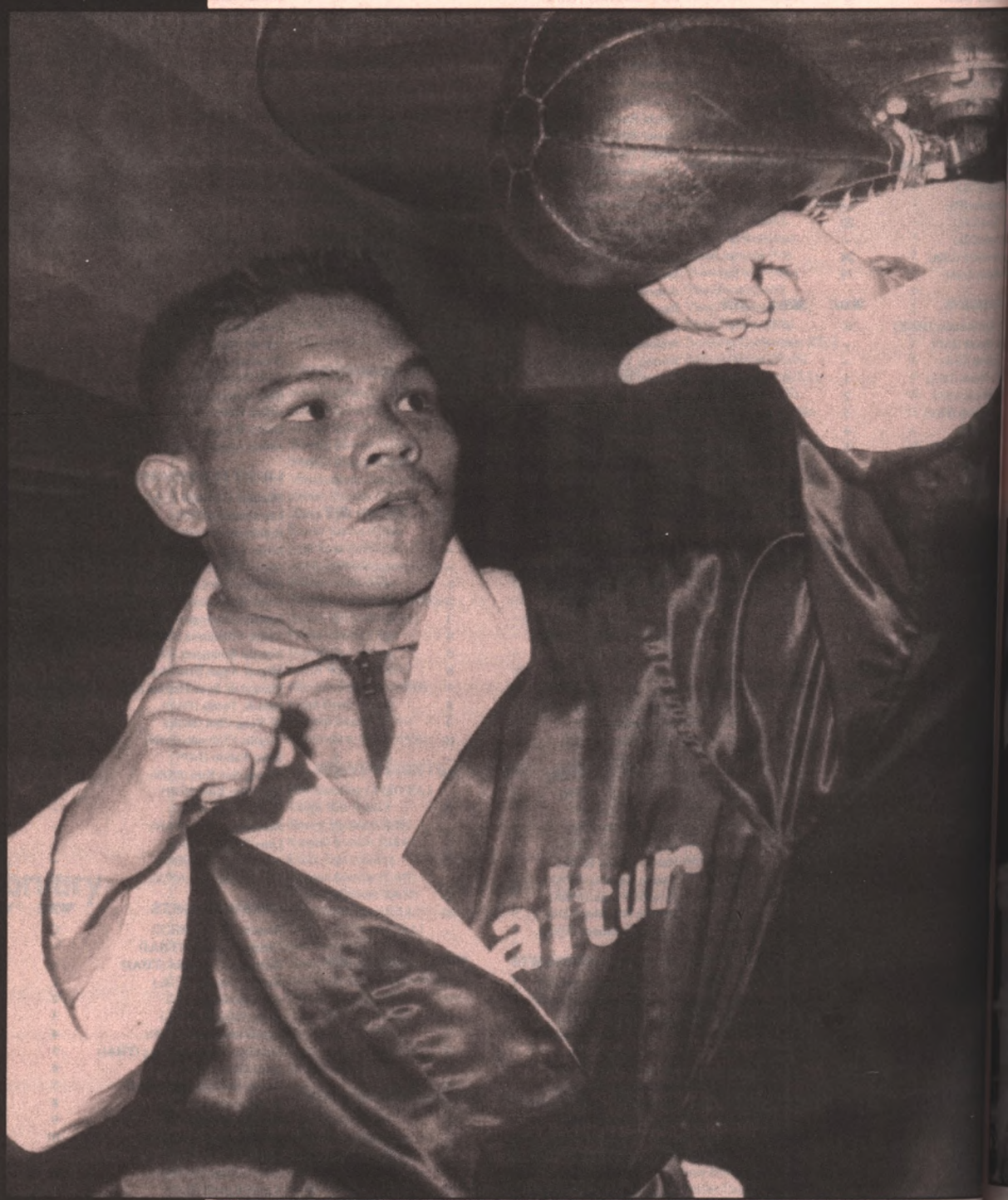


From THE RING, May 1967

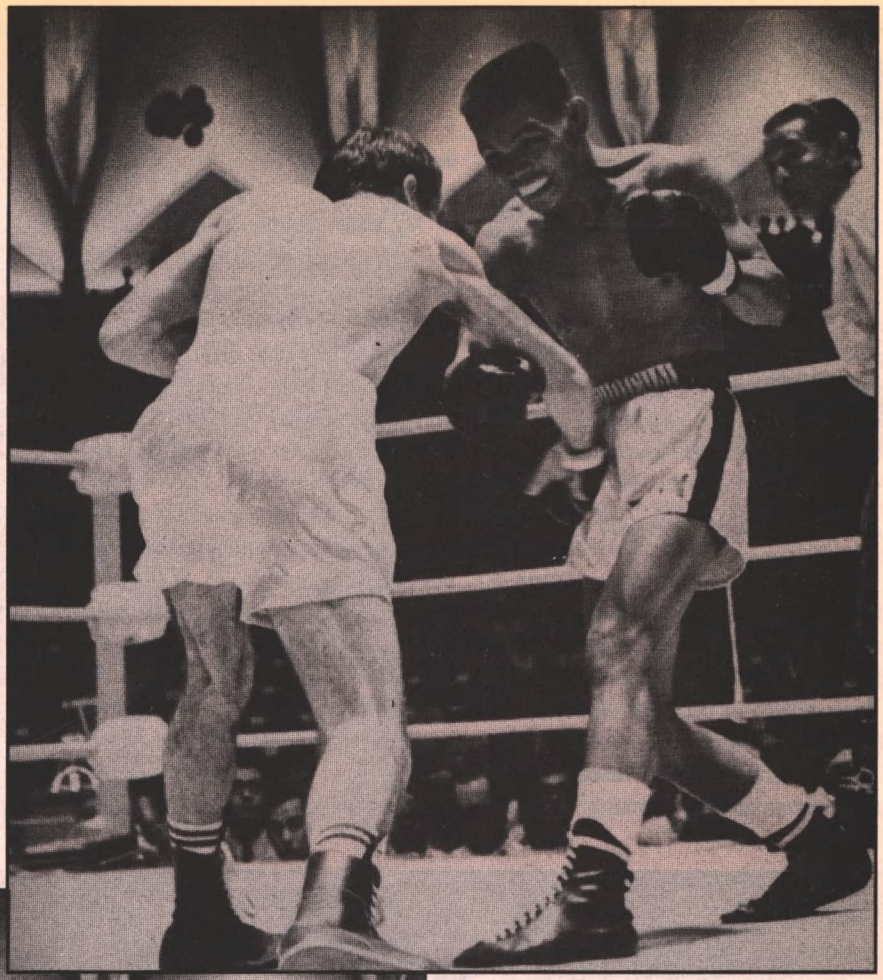
NEWEST THAILAND IDOL

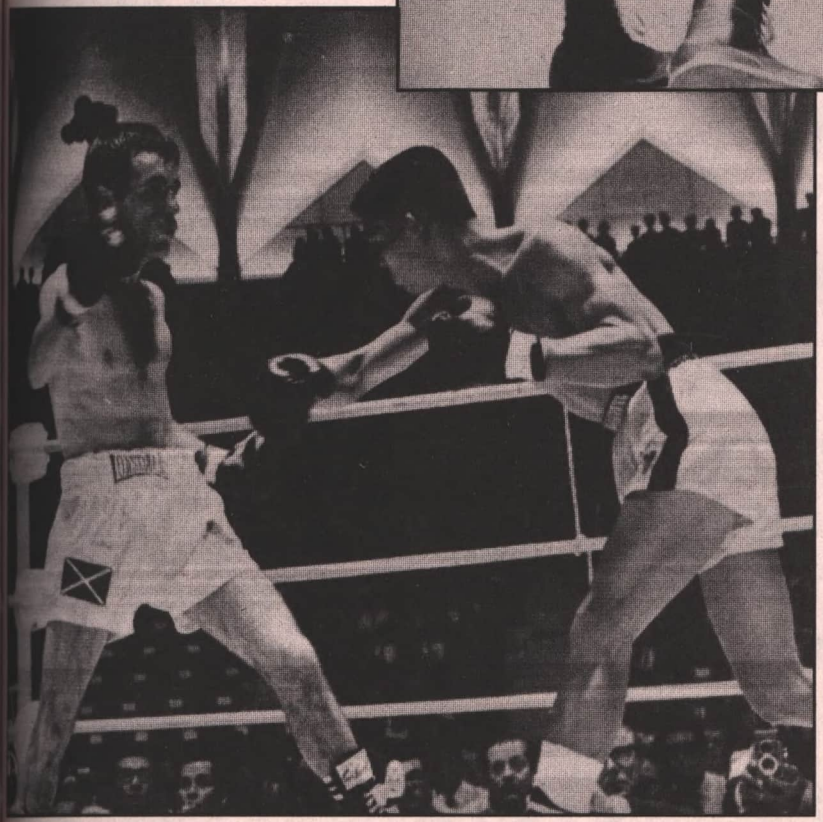
By Nat Fleischer

A new fistic idol is being worshipped in Thailand. His name is Chartchai Chionoi, recently crowned world flyweight champion. He won the title on December 30 in Bangkok, when the referee stopped his bout with Walter McGowan of Scotland due to a severe cut on the bridge of Walter's nose. The close battle was fought before a large gathering, including His Majesty. The King; Gen. Prapas Charusathira, Deputy Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army; Gen. Harold V. Johnson, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Armed Forces, and many other notables.

When the bout was over, Chartchai, with head bowed in reverence, stood before the King, who placed a garland around the boxer's neck and congratulated him. The Thai lad then kissed the hands of the king and cried. Then McGowan came forth and like his successor, was garlanded while the spectators applauded. So unlike other championship matches I've attended in many parts of the world!

A champion in Thailand is a national hero. First it was Pone Kingpetch, the only flyweight to regain the championship, and now it's Chartchai, whose manager, Col. Boonlert Letrpricha, and co-manager Umberto Branchini of Italy, steered the Thai lad into a world title contest.





Chionoi won the world title by stopping Scotland's Walter McGowan on cuts in Bangkok (above and left). It was McGowan's first defense; he held the title for only six months.

Nowhere is more enthusiasm displayed at a sports event than in Thailand when a native son is pitted against a foreigner in a championship match. This is especially true when it is announced that the Royal Family will be in attendance. Surrounded by the diplomatic corps, His Majesty beamed with delight when the hand of Chionoi was raised in victory.

When Kingpetch won the flyweight crown from Pascual Perez in 1960, The King and Queen made their first appearance in a boxing arena. Since then, his Majesty has attended every championship match staged in Bangkok. He is an ardent fight fan who, in his college days in the United States, often put on the gloves in gymnasium workouts.

He was present when Kingpetch won the title, and when Pone re-won the title from Fighting Harada, the King and Queen were sitting in specially built ringside seats, surrounded by diplomats from all over the world. Again the Royal Family was present when Kingpetch fought Hiroyuki Ebihara to regain the world crown. In no other country has this ever happened.

The happiest person in the new, domed Kittikachorn Indoor Stadium where the recent

Chionoi and wife Sirinthorn share a laugh at a press conference. The 24-year-old flyweight titlist is the most popular Thai fighter since Pone Kingpetch.

Asiatic championships were held, was the Royal Visitor. His presence received considerable attention from the British newsmen in attendance.

Peter Wilson of the *Daily Mirror* wrote, "There's nothing like a Royal fan, and The King of Thailand certainly seems to be his country's number one supporter of boxing." Then he quoted the remarks of Major General Thammasiri, who had gone to the Palace to invite the King and Queen.

"Even if I were not invited to come, I definitely would be there," said His Majesty to the General.

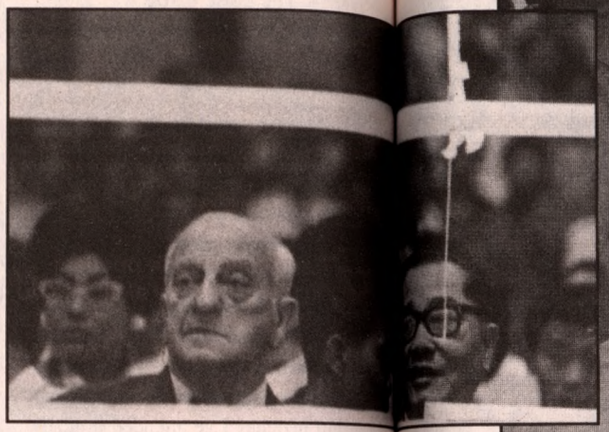
Major General Thammasiri, in reporting His Majesty's remarks, added: "The presence of Their Majesties at a championship fight make a great event in our country's sporting history even greater. The King has displayed the keenest interest in any of his subjects aspiring to the world's highest in any sports field."

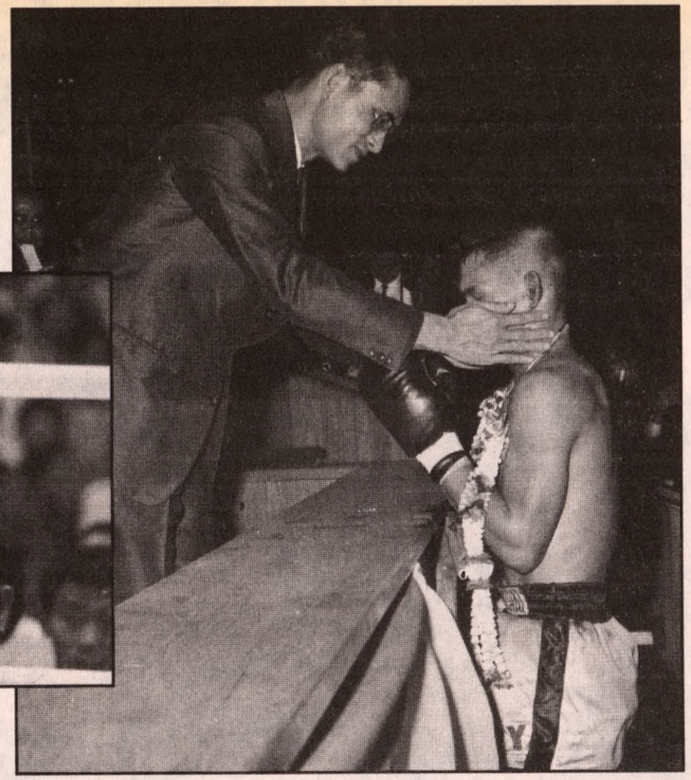
For Chartchai, a boy who began his boxing career quite early because his elder brother was a fighter, the championship match was something he had looked forward to, hoped for, and finally succeeded in obtaining.

Coming from a poor family, the road for him is now paved with gold.

For the Thai people, the Chartchai victory was a drama come true. The world flyweight title had been returned to Thailand, and a new ring hero to rival three-time world champion Kingpetch had come to the fore.

Among the most recognizable figures on the international boxing scene, THE RING *Editor and Publisher Nat Fleischer served as a judge for the Chionoi-McGowan fight (below). After Chionoi dethroned McGowan, he paid his respects to His Majesty, the King of Thailand (far right), who is a major supporter of boxing.*



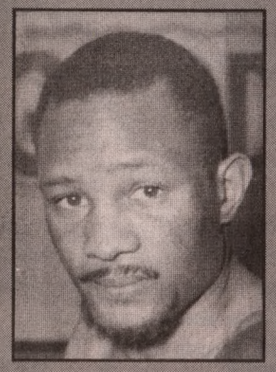


Although the WBA recognizes Horacio Accavallo of Argentina as the world champion, Chionoi has the backing of New York, California, and all of Europe. He is the legitimate titleholder. Should a match with the Argentine be arranged, Chartchai will be the favorite.

Chartchai was born in Bangkok on October 10, 1942. As a boy he attended many of the Thai-style boxing bouts and took a deep interest in the sport. In 1959 he began his pro career in Western-style boxing. Through 1960 he had engaged in 15 contests, of which he won 12, lost two, and drew in one. Then he decided to go to Japan, where he campaigned during 1961, from April through September, before returning to his native land. In Japan, out of six bouts he won four by knockout and lost two.

On April 24, 1962, he faced Mitsunori Seki in Bangkok and beat the top Japanese flyweight over 10 rounds. But in his next start before the home folks he lost to Ernesto Miranda, the Argentine now residing in Italy.

Unable to obtain any lucrative contests at home, he decided on another Asiatic tour, and during the next three years he faced the cream of the talent in



Curtis Cokes

THE RING RATINGS, *May 1967*

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Cassius Clay, Louisville, KY

1. **Ernie Terrell**, Chicago, IL
2. **Zora Folley**, Chandler, AZ
3. **Floyd Patterson**, Great Neck, NY
4. **Karl Mildenberger**, Germany
5. **Joe Frazier**, Philadelphia, PA
6. **Thad Spencer**, Portland, OR
7. **George Chuvalo**, Canada
8. **Oscar Bonavena**, Argentina
9. **Manuel Ramos**, Mexico
10. **Johnny Persol**, Brooklyn, NY

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Dick Tiger, Nigeria

1. **Jose Torres**, Puerto Rico
2. **Roger Rouse**, Anaconda, MT
3. **Eddie Cotton**, Seattle, WA
4. **Bob Foster**, Washington, D.C.
5. **Bob Dunlop**, Australia
6. **Piero Del Papa**, Italy
7. **Andres Selpa**, Argentina
8. **Gregorio Peralta**, Argentina
9. **Bobo Olson**, Honolulu, HI
10. **Bernard Thebault**, France

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champ: Emile Griffith, New York, NY

1. **Nino Benvenuti**, Italy
2. **Sandro Mazzinghi**, Italy
3. **Luis Folledo**, Spain
4. **Ki Soo Kim**, South Korea
5. **Don Fullmer**, West Jordan, UT
6. **Ferd Hernandez**, Las Vegas, NV
7. **Johnny Pritchett**, England
8. **Stan Harrington**, Honolulu, HI
9. **Joey Archer**, New York, NY
10. **Jose Gonzales**, Puerto Rico

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Curtis Cokes, Dallas, TX

1. **Jean Josselin**, France
2. **Luis Rodriguez**, Miami Beach, FL
3. **Willie Ludick**, South Africa
4. **Francois Pavilla**, France
5. **Gypsy Joe Harris**, Philadelphia, PA
6. **Charlie Shipes**, Oakland, CA
7. **Leroy Roberts**, Norristown, PA
8. **Conny Rudhof**, Germany
9. **Ernie Lopez**, Las Vegas, NV
10. **Musashi Nakano**, Japan

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Sandro Lopopolo, Italy

1. **Paul Fujii**, Honolulu, HI
2. **Willi Quatuor**, Germany
3. **Jose Napoles**, Mexico
4. **Juan Sombrita**, Spain
5. **Daniel Guanin**, Ecuador
6. **Eugenio Espinoza**, Ecuador
7. **Marcel Cerdan**, France
8. **Carlos Hernandez**, Venezuela
9. **Herbie Lee**, Washington, D.C.
10. **Eddie Perkins**, Chicago, IL

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champ: Carlos Ortiz, New York, NY

1. **Nicolino Locche**, Argentina
2. **Borge Krogh**, Denmark
3. **Ismael Laguna**, Panama
4. **Frankie Narvaez**, Puerto Rico
5. **Carlos (Teo) Cruz**, Dominican Republic
6. **Maurice Cullen**, England
7. **George Foster**, Cincinnati, OH
8. **Sugar Ramos**, Mexico
9. **Lloyd Marshall**, Newark, NJ
10. **Angel Robinson Garcia**, Cuba

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champ: Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, Philippines

1. **Jose Legra**, Spain
2. **Antonio Amaya**, Panama
3. **Pedro Gomez**, Venezuela
4. **Johnny Famechon**, Australia
5. **Love Allotey**, Ghana
6. **Armando Ramos**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Ray Echavarria**, San Jose, CA
8. **Rene Barrientos**, Philippines
9. **Kang Suh Il**, South Korea
10. **Pete Gonzales**, Portland, OR

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Vicente Saldivar, Mexico

1. **Howard Winstone**, Wales
2. **Raul Rojas**, San Pedro, CA
3. **Hiroshi Kobayashi**, Japan
4. **Freddy Rengifo**, Venezuela
5. **Carlos Canete**, Argentina
6. **Mitsunori Seki**, Japan
7. **Alex Benitez**, San Jose, CA
8. **Bobby Valdez**, San Diego, CA
9. **Richard Sue**, Portland OR
10. **Frankie Crawford**, Los Angeles, CA

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champ: Fighting Harada, Japan

1. **Jesus Pimental**, Los Angeles, CA
2. **Mimun Ben Ali**, Spain
3. **Alan Rudkin**, England
4. **Bernard Caraballo**, Colombia
5. **Joe Medel**, Mexico
6. **Lionel Rose**, Australia
7. **Kamara Diop**, France
8. **Yoshio Nakane**, Japan
9. **Katsuo Saito**, Japan
10. **Takao Sakurai**, Japan

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Chartchai Chionoi, Thailand

1. **Kiyoshi Tanabe**, Japan
2. **Walter McGowan**, Scotland
3. **Horacio Accavallo**, Argentina
4. **Fernando Atzori**, Italy
5. **Katsutoshi Takayama**, Japan
6. **Salvatore Burruni**, Italy
7. **Octavio Gomez**, Argentina
8. **Puntip Keosuriya**, Thailand
9. **Efren Torres**, Mexico
10. **John McCluskey**, Scotland

Japan and the Philippines. His most notable performance on his second trip was his triumph in 12 rounds over Primo Famiro, on September 22, 1962, to win the Orient flyweight title.

He didn't hold the crown long. On December 31 he faced Ebihara in Tokyo, dropping the decision in a 12-round bout, and with it, the title.

The Thai champion is tall for a flyweight, built much along the lines of Al Brown, who once held the world bantam crown. Chionoi is fast, has an advantage over his rivals in both height and reach, counters well, and possesses a stiff left.

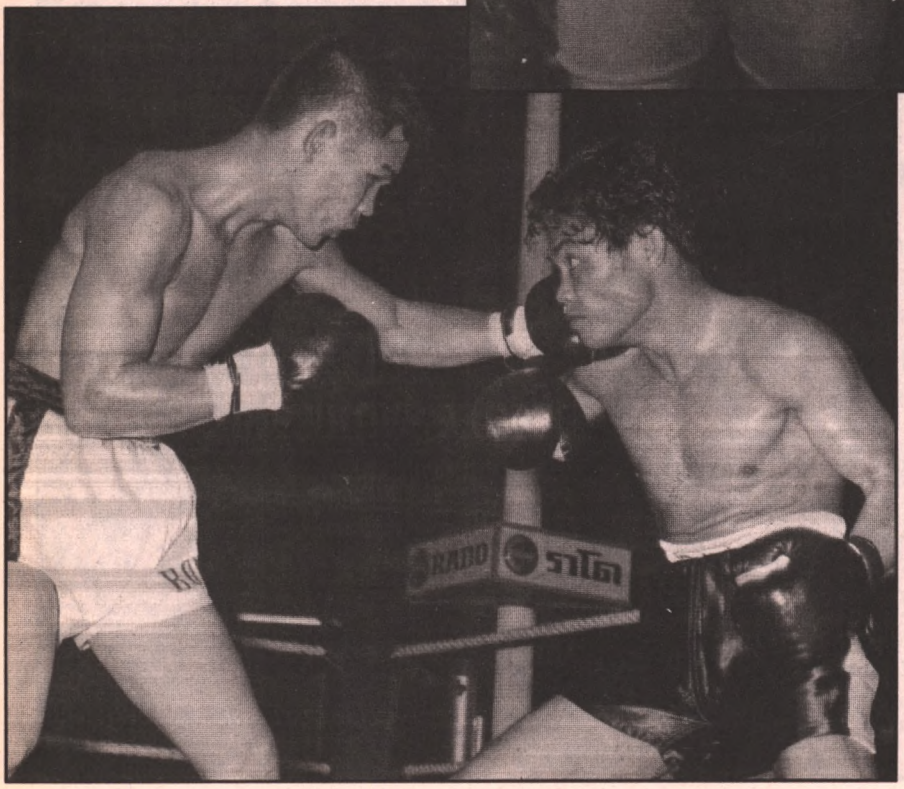
His ring record to date shows a total of 46 fights, with 35 wins, 10 losses, and one draw. Not too impressive, but a good record considering that during the past four years he has met only the top men in his Asiatic matches.

Both McGowan and Chartchai have fought Salvatore Burruni and Miranda, who acted as Chartchai's sparmate in Bangsaen. Last year Chartchai engaged in eight bouts, winning all, with six recorded as knockouts.

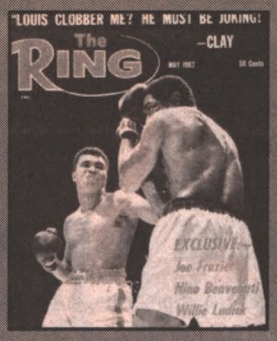
Among these victories were the knockout of one of Thailand's top bantams, Pornchai Popraingam, in the opening round; a 10-rou unanimous decision over Burruni; a unanimo win over Miranda in 10; the kayo of Cle Lunar of the Philippines in four; the knockout the former flyweight king of Thailand, Chaitho Singshueplerng, in the third round, and his lat knockout of McGowan.

In my world travels I haven't seen an flyweights who at this stage can relieve Chion of the title, with the possible exception McGowan if given another chance, a return bo which he earned by his splendid showing Bangkok.

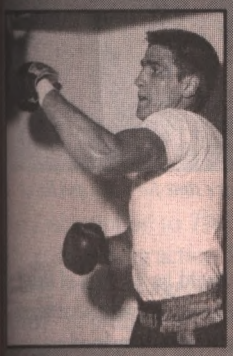
Thai promoters are attempting to g Accavallo, the WBA champion, to fight Chion in Bangkok to settle the matter of universal tit claims. General Pichai Kullavanijaya, head the Thai Boxing Commission, favors such bout. His deep interest in the sport is responsib for Thailand reaching the heights of Asian boxing.



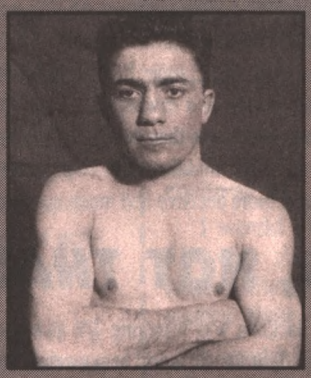
Right: After winning the title from McGowan, Chionoi engaged in a non-title 10-rounder vs. Baby Lorona in Bangkok. The champion earned a victory on points. Below: Chionoi and sparring partner Fernando Atzori embrace after a vigorous sparring session. The lanky Thai 112-pounder has suffered 10 career defeats, but holds wins against a variety of world-class foes.



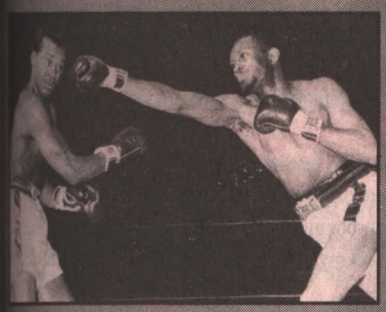
The Cover: Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, shown punishing Ernie Terrell during their title fight in February, responds to Joe Louis' claim that "The Brown Bomber" would have "clobbered" him. "Joe must be joking," Ali says.



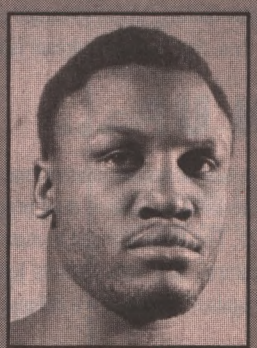
Hunting For Emile: Former world junior middleweight champion Nino Benvenuti now campaigns at middleweight, and the speedy Italian boxer-puncher seems a legitimate threat to unseat 160-pound king Emile Griffith. Benvenuti is the European champion, and he's rated first by THE RING.



Herman Remembers: Conducting an interview with THE RING from his apartment in the French Quarter of New Orleans, former world bantamweight champion Pete Herman, 71, recalls the highlights of his career. Among his stories: "The Kid's" 1921 kayo of flyweight legend Jimmy Wilde, for which Herman received not a penny of his promised $30,000 purse.



Hard Pokes From Cokes: Engaging in a non-title bout vs. highly rated contender Ted Whitfield, world welterweight champion Curtis Cokes makes a statement by scoring a third-round kayo in Dallas. As reported by correspondent Harlan Haas, Cokes was determined to prove his punching power.



Fighter Of The Month: Heavyweight contender Joe Frazier is chosen based on his kayo of veteran contender Doug Jones. A gold medalist at the 1964 Olympics, Frazier is 14-0 (13) as a pro. He's rated fifth, behind Ernie Terrell, Zora Folley, Floyd Patterson, and Karl Mildenberger.

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Looking Ahead

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MAKE ME A REMATCH

It's deuce time for Leija and Nelson

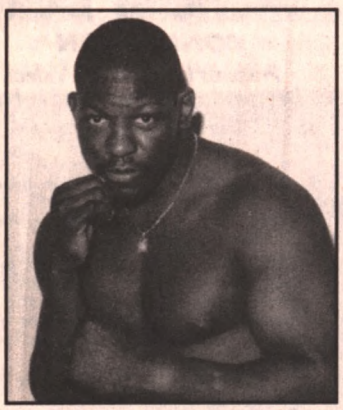
On May 7, Don King is promoting a pay-per-view card of four title fight rematches. All four bouts are outstanding matchups. We asked Ron Katz, a matchmaker for King's rival, Bob Arum, to offer a quickie analysis.

Jesse James Leija vs. WBC super featherweight champion Azumah Nelson: "I thought Nelson won the first fight. It's tough to count out a young, energetic guy like Leija, and it's tough for Nelson to keep getting up for fights after so many years. If the scoring is objective, Leija has a helluva shot to lick him this time."

Terry Norris vs. WBC super welterweight champion Simon Brown: "Brown could be the kind of fighter to Norris that Ken Norton was to Muhammad Ali. It's gonna be mentally tough for Norris, knowing what happened the first time, especially if Brown hurts him early. All those memories will come back. Brown by knockout."

Julio Cesar Chavez vs. WBC super lightweight champion Frankie Randall: "It's gonna be tough for Randall to fight the perfect fight twice in a row against a guy like Chavez. The smart money says Chavez will be better prepared this time and have more than enough to win handily. Chavez by mid-rounds kayo."

Julian Jackson vs. WBC middleweight champion Gerald McClellan: "It was an exciting destruction the first time, and it'll be much more decisive and much quicker this time. McClellan wins, no contest."



Jackson: Dreaming of the title

NO, NOT *THAT* PHIL JACKSON

Phil Jackson was watching TV at home when his trainer, Pat Burns, called and asked him if he wanted to fight for the world heavyweight championship.

"I said, 'Get outta here, quit kidding,'" said Jackson. "Then I was just real happy, walking around all day saying, 'I'm gonna fight for the title.'"

On May 6, the 29-year-old Jackson, 30-1 (28), will challenge WBC champion Lennox Lewis, most likely in Atlantic City. The bout will be televised by HBO.

In his only fight of note, Jackson, who initially campaigned as a cruiserweight, was stopped by Razor Ruddock. That was in June 1992.

"He was either gonna lay down like a dog and become just an opponent or turn it into something positive and work even harder," said Burns. "There were only two choices, and Phil chose the latter."

"The first time I had a lot of pressure on me—non-boxing things, managerial problems," Jackson added. "This time everything's perfect. No excuses. I feel my style is right for Lewis. I'll jab my way in and fight him on the inside."

In preparing for the fight, Jackson is employing a sports psychologist. Two or three times he's awakened from deep sleeps with arms flailing, having dreamed of knocking Lewis out.

Suffice to say, then, that Jackson's dream is Evander Holyfield's worst nightmare.

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Look for the return of former number-one rated junior bantamweight contender **Johnny Tapia**, who has fought since October 1990 because of drug problems. He's back in the gym in Albuquerque and has been testing clean ... On May 21, Top Rank planned to match **Michael Carbajal** against fellow 1988 Olympian **Scotty Olson**. The fight was a natural. But both fighters lost on February 19. So who will **Chiquita Gonzalez**, Carbajal's conqueror, defend against? Whether it's defense number one or two, look for a third fight with Carbajal before the year is out.

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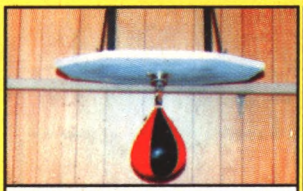

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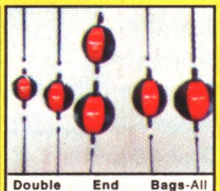

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